

STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Annual Meeting of the Boards of Trustees at Chico.

ACTION TAKEN ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Bernard Reiss Arrested at San Francisco on an Indictment Found by the United States Grand Jury, Charging Him With Felony in Connection With the Recent Smuggling Operations.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICO, April 12.—The annual meeting of the Boards of Trustees of the State Normal Schools took place this morning. Those present were: Governor Markham, Superintendent Anderson, Principal Childs, Ralph Lowe, Philo Hershey, T. S. Montgomery, C. A. Williams and Judge Rhodes of San Jose; Principal Moore, Stephen M. White, A. S. Davidson, A. B. Pomeroy, John Mansfield, Los Angeles; Principal E. T. Pierce, John Bidwell, F. C. Lusk, A. H. Crew, Chico.

Principal Childs made a report on the new diploma being prepared for the normal schools. Superintendent Anderson endorsed the recommendation of Principal Pierce that action be taken to ask the Legislature to pass a law making the diplomas of normal schools legal certificates to teach in any primary and grammar schools of the State and without further examination.

A motion was passed to this effect, and a committee consisting of Rhodes, White and Lusk were appointed to assist the State Superintendent and take such action as is necessary.

Professor Childs suggested that hereafter diplomas issued to graduates from normal schools be signed by the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Superintendent of Schools, and the State Superintendent and take such action as is necessary.

Superintendent Anderson reported that all schools in the State were in the best working condition, and doing good.

The joint board of trustees requested to memorialize the Legislature to appropriate a sufficient sum to equip the Chico and San Jose Normal Schools with gymnasium and grounds for physical training.

It was moved and passed that the Legislature be memorialized to appropriate a sufficient sum for heating and ventilating the San Jose Normal School.

It was decided by the boards that to enter the normal school without examination graduates from mining and agricultural schools must have a recommendation leaving the signature of the City Superintendent of Schools.

A motion was adopted that the State Superintendent be elected Secretary of the joint boards until further ordered, with a salary of \$20 for each meeting.

The boards then adjourned to meet the second Tuesday in April, 1893, in the Normal School at San Jose.

NEVADA COUNTY TEACHERS.

Prominent Educators in Attendance Upon the Institute.

NEVADA CITY, April 12.—The Teachers' Institute of Nevada County convened in this city this morning, with a full attendance of teachers. County Superintendent Rogers, in the opening address, referred to the gradual falling off for several years past in the number of children attending school in Nevada County, and to the fact that the county has been doing well in the matter of the stoppage of hydraulic mining, and his prophecy that a revival of that industry would result in an increase of population and general prosperity was received with great enthusiasm.

Among prominent educators from Nevada County were: Professor George E. Howard of Stanford University, Professor T. H. Lusk of the University of California, and Professor P. M. Fisher of the Pacific Educational Journal.

The Colonels Again Defeated.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—The season at Oakland was opened this afternoon by a game between the Colonels and the San Francisco. About three thousand people attended. The game was lost by the Oakland in the first inning by the wild delivery of the pitcher, George. He sent four men to first base on balls, hit a batter and made an error. He was taken out of the box before the inning was over, but the damage had been done, and the San Francisco scored five runs. O'Neill pitched the balance of the game for Oakland. The Oakland hit hard and earned four of their runs. Score: Oakland 6, San Francisco 8.

The Cowboys Mean Business.

BAKER CITY (Or.), April 12.—Advises received from Vale this morning are to the effect that everything is quiet. An examination of John and William Bailey, the alleged murderers of William Humbert, was to have commenced at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Eight militiamen are kept constantly on guard at the jail, but little fear is entertained of an attempt at mob violence. It is expected that Company F will return to-morrow evening in charge of the prisoners. A later report says an attack upon the jail is expected to-night, and the cowboys mean business.

Reiss Indicted and Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—The United States Grand Jury to-day presented an indictment against Bernard Reiss, of the firm of Neuberger, Reiss & Co., who was recently fined \$5,000 for being engaged in the Custom-house frauds. The indictment charges him with the same fraud in connection with the recent smuggling operations. Reiss was arrested this evening, and was afterwards released on \$50,000 bail. The grand jury also found a return of indictment against D. J. Cashin, now Deputy Collector of Customs, who is now a fugitive in Victoria, B. C.

Central Pacific Directors.

Troops Outwitted by Newspaper Men.

CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT.

Various Opinions as to When the Present Law Expires.

GEARY'S BILL GAINING FRIENDS IN THE SENATE.

General W. H. L. Barnes to be Recommended for Appointment on the Board of Governors of the National Home for Disabled Soldiers at Santa Monica to Succeed Major Bonebrake, Against Whom Charges Have Been Preferred.

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WASHINGTON, April 12.—It has been stated that Attorney-General Miller has given the opinion that the present exclusion Act does not expire until 1894. The Henley amendment to the Act was made in that year, and Miller holds, it is said, that Henley's amendment makes a nature materially modifying the Act, and has the effect of a new Act, and ten years must elapse from the date of the amendment before legal expiration. This story has not been traced to an authentic source. Everyone spoken to on the subject believes that the law must expire in a year without regard to the date of the Henley amendment.

Whatever Miller's views may be they will not have any effect on the efforts of the friends of exclusion to secure legislation. Senator Felton is determined to get an early report from the Senate committee having the Geary bill in charge. Felton says Sherman and as a result of the committee will be ready to report in ten days. Sherman did not intimate what the committee would do, but he said it can be judged to some extent how Sherman will endeavor to influence the committee from the fact that he tried to amend the bill by inserting a provision concerning the registration of Chinese now here as provided by the Geary bill, in other words, Sherman has already indicated approval of the principal provisions of the Geary bill, and, as he comes pretty near running his committee, he will probably report the bill very much as it came from the House.

Radical amendments will be proposed when the bill comes to be considered in the Senate.

The Chinese Government is alarmed at the Geary bill. That Government does not care so much about the Chinese who are here or who may come in the future as it does about the American dollars which are now and have been pouring into the Celestial Empire at a lively rate.

China's relations with the United States are threatened, and every American country was to be driven out, but no one was frightened, as the bugaboo threat was wholly a failure.

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General Barnes to Succeed Major Bonebrake on the Board of Governors of the National Home for Disabled Soldiers, thereby creating a vacancy, which will be filled by the appointment of a Republican to succeed him, as under the existing law, and as contemplated in the bill pending before the House of Representatives, both political parties must be represented on the board.

The California delegation has agreed to recommend the election of W. H. L. Barnes of San Francisco for the place of Bonebrake to him, as he has always been a staunch Republican and has not had any connection with the National Home for Disabled Soldiers, and is not an applicant for the place, but it is thought he will accept it.

The Committee on Military Affairs of the House holds a meeting on Friday, at which time Major Bonebrake's name will be withdrawn by Representative Powers of California, and General Barnes' name substituted in its place. It is reported favorably to the House, but recommitted yesterday on a motion of Representative Oulthwaite, who desired to investigate certain charges made against Mr. Bonebrake.

RAILSTON NOMINATED.

Named by the President for Appraiser at San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of Wm. C. Ralston as Appraiser of Merchandise at San Francisco.

Speaking of the nomination of William C. Ralston as Appraiser at San Francisco, which went to the Senate to-day, Senator Felton says he was chosen because he was a young man of exemplary habits, and had never had any connection with the customs administration at San Francisco or elsewhere. He is energetic and intelligent, and will be quick to learn the duties of his office, so that his inexperience will not be a disadvantage. It is deemed by the administration necessary to have a man of undoubted honesty as Chief Appraiser, and Ralston has the necessary experience in the line of duty called for.

Land Patents Issued.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Two thousand four hundred and eight-seven land patents were issued by the General Land Office for the week ended April 9th, making an increase of 214 over the previous week. Of this number the Pacific Coast districts received the following share: San Francisco 19, Suisunville 8, Sacramento 3, Humboldt 31, Redding 2, Roseburg 30, La Grande 3, Burns 6, Oregon City 1, North Yakima and Olympia 2, each, and Watsonville 8. During the same period homestead certificates were issued as follows: Visalia 55, Redding 6, Burns 25, Roseburg 23, North Yakima 26.

The Bill Favorably Reported.

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SWAMP LANDS.

Prominent Owners Form a Permanent State Association.

Pursuant to call a number of the leading swamp land owners of the State met in San Francisco yesterday to organize a permanent association to attend to the interests of those engaged in the reclamation of overflow and swamp lands throughout the State. About fifty delegates were present, representing almost every district.

It was agreed to call the association the "Swamp Land Owners Association of California," and to elect Executive Committee members to be appointed, to consist of one member from each district.

Heretofore when any large owner of land needing reclamation wished to expend money for levees and ditches he usually found that small owners adjoining would not pay their share, although they received the benefit of the principal object of organization will be to procure the passage of laws on this point, so that wherever land is reclaimed each owner shall be assessed according to the number of acres he owns.

George A. Moore of San Francisco was elected President, President, John W. Ferris Secretary and J. C. Bigelow Treasurer.

FOUNDLING HOME.

New Officers Chosen—Necessity for a Larger Building.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Foundling Home the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. S. E. Clayton; Vice-President, Mrs. C. E. Pratt; Treasurer, Mrs. C. P. Hutton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. P. Mandeville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. E. Fry.

While the good ladies who have charge of this work have been able to do much for the abandoned little ones in their charge, the fact is that the building in need of a more commodious building, in which to make it more permanent. The ladies are hoping that some affluent philanthropic person or persons will come to their relief in the matter.

Clothing, money, etc., for the inmates can be left with Mrs. S. E. Clayton, Seventh and D streets.

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News of a Direful Character From the Flooded Districts.

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Residents of Central New York Badly Frightened by a Visitation of Two Severe Shocks of Earthquake—People Rush Wildly From Their Residences to Seek Safety in the Streets—No Serious Damage So Far Reported.

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NEW ORLEANS, April 12.—The reported loss to life and property by the floods on the Tombigbee River is confirmed. The citizens of Lowndes County, Miss., have petitioned Congress to ask Government aid, as their own means are inadequate. The losses to life are variously estimated from fifty to 200. The losses to live stock are beyond computation, and will be enormous.

The appalling character of the floods in Northern Mississippi is just beginning to be realized. Hundreds of lives were lost. Last night one man rowed several miles in the dark on a raft with twenty-six bodies he had picked up. The flood came so suddenly and with such force that all sorts of craft, and even the survivors, perched on the highest ground, without food or shelter. The loss to property is over one million.

ALMOST EVERYTHING DESTROYED.

COLUMBUS (Miss.), April 12.—Later reports charge rather than diminish the previous estimates of loss of water, destruction of property by the flood. A bolt of country from five to fifteen miles wide through the State is one mass of ruined houses, fences, and carcasses of stock, and it is doubtful if a dozen houses are left standing in the district. From one house to another, and from one negro to another, the scene is one of utter desolation. The homes of the poor are in ruins, and the people are in a state of utter destitution. The people are in a state of utter destitution. The people are in a state of utter destitution.

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MODESTO'S SENATIONAL CASE.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST A GIRL BY HER FATHER.

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