

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

[CONTINUED FROM FIFTH PAGE.] met, with H. H. Johnson presiding, and all the members present excepting J. E. Buckley. Covering the requirements of a resolution adopted at the last meeting, which called for a report defining the legitimate scope of the committee in matters of proposed investigations, H. H. Johnson, secretary, submitted a report containing the names of State penal and reformatory institutions which come under the jurisdiction of the members, as follows: State Prisons at San Quentin and Folsom; Whittier Reformatory School of Industry at Whittier, Los Angeles County, and the Preston School of Industry at Ione, Amador County. A long discussion ensued as to whether a visit would be necessary to all of the institutions, and it was decided to send whether all members of the committee should attend these outings. One member wanted a Senatorial committee for conducting a joint report, but Chairman Johnson gave the committee to understand very distinctly that he would not favor such action, giving many substantial reasons for refusing to approve of joint committee work of any kind. It was finally decided to visit all of the penal and reformatory institutions, beginning with the prison at San Quentin. As for the Whittier School all members concurred in the opinion that a visit would save the State much money, and would otherwise necessarily be expended in bringing witnesses from Los Angeles to the Capitol where the investigation conducted here. The Chairman was authorized to obtain permission of the Assembly to make the necessary visits, the time of absence and other matters to be decided hereafter, and hereafter, and reported at the next meeting of the committee, which will occur at the call of the Chairman.

IRRIGATION ASSESSMENTS. Carlson's Bill Favorably Considered, But May Meet With Opposition. Yesterday morning previous to the opening of the Assembly the Committee on Irrigation held a meeting. Only one bill was considered, that proposed by the late State Irrigation Association, and which was introduced by Mr. Carlson. The bill amends the law relative to irrigation districts, and provides that irrigation bonds, and the interest thereon, shall be paid by revenue derived from an annual assessment upon the real property of the district; and all the real property in the district shall be assessed for such purposes, and whenever said bonds have been sold, in whole or in part, and the money received therefor by the collector, or any other person, to contest the validity of said bonds, or of the formation of the irrigation district, shall be deemed waived and forever barred. The committee decided to recommend to the Assembly the passage of the bill. When it comes before the House it is expected that the first clause of the bill will meet with opposition. By the terms of the bill all the real property in the district shall be liable to be assessed, which means that the man who owns the real property shall be assessed whether he uses water for irrigation purposes or not. In such cases, it will be urged, the bill will not meet with approval. The committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Legislative Notes. Senator Hart introduced a bill yesterday to provide for planting a row of trees around Capitol Park. The bill will probably pass without any opposition. Senator Langford expects a row over his bill making an appropriation to enable the State Board of Agriculture to send an exhibit to the World's Fair. Chauncey Clark, the handsome San Francisco politician who has never missed getting a job, yesterday introduced an appointed Senate File Clerk yesterday. It looked chilly for a time, but Chauncey came up in the homestead. Another bill is proposed for the Folsom prison. It is an ice plant this time. Senator Everett is the author of the bill. When Senator Seavell introduced the bill creating the new county of King, he explained that he knew nothing about the merits of the proposition, and was simply presenting the bill at the request of Judge Henry of this city. It simply provides that in preliminary examinations the Justice shall receive \$5 for each day for a short time, and \$10 under the present law the Justice only receives \$1 for each examination, even if it should last two weeks. One of the bills introduced in the Assembly yesterday by Mr. Anderson changes the boundaries of Yolo County to include Washington and vicinity to the city and county of Sacramento. A. B. Butler of Fresno, the capitalist, and who owns the largest vineyard in California, if not in the world, was an on-looker in the assembly yesterday. Mr. Butler has been spoken of as a Democratic candidate for Governor. The assembly committee on Claims was in session last night, but took no action. A number of bills were discussed, but as their authors were not in attendance to explain them, adjournment was called until called together again by the Chairman. Senator Maher offered a resolution yesterday to the effect that a joint committee of three, to be composed of the Senator, the Attorney General and the Auditor, be appointed to investigate some alleged frauds in the construction of buildings at the Home for the Feeble-Minded at Glen Park. The frauds referred to were those spoken of by Governor Markham in his recent message and Senator Maher said it was because of the Governor's suggestion that he proposed the investigation.

AMUSEMENTS. At the Metropolitan Theater this evening Charles Dickson, the well-known comedian and general dramatic artist, supported by a capable group of comedians, will present the comedy "Inoq." The piece has been given here before. Lately Mr. Dickson has improved its construction and made it more merry still. In New York, says Mr. Dickson, it had a run of two nights, and in Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago it has been successful. It recently had a second very successful run in San Francisco. The story of the comedy is in brief that of a young man who, being driven from home by his father for refusing to marry his ward, and persisting in loving the ward's companion, determines to return in disguise, so as to be near the object of his affections. To this end he disguises himself so as to resemble a photograph which he has picked up. Unfortunately the photograph is that of one of a pair of twin brothers who cannot be distinguished from each other, one of whom has a wife and the other a sweetheart living in the same house. The comedy will be presented by a one-act comedietta, introduced as a curtain-raiser, of which the press of San Francisco speaks in complimentary terms. At the Clinia Opera-house last evening, to a large audience, Bailey's New York Stock Company began its fourth week with the melodrama "Falsely Accused." It is a stirring play, full of striking situations and fine tableaux. There is not so strong a comedy vein in it as its predecessors, and the plot is quite as intense. It gives every member of the company an opportunity to prove his and her versatile capacity and adaptability to a wide variety of character acting. Mr. Duffield and Miss McAllister both appeared to excellent advantage. Mr. Waldron had a less merry part, but he proved in solo and in a duet with Miss Calf that he is a good singer of sentimental songs. Little Irene in the third act has a capital part, and she made the most of it, and was applauded to the echo. She is a remarkably clever child, and one that with right handling may grow up to be a great actress. Her father, who is a remarkably clever child, far better than it has been done here by any other dancer. This because what in a woman's dress she is so graceful and dignified in this child is free from slightest suggestion, and becomes a symphony of pure grace and an epic of chaste modesty. Under the play of an excellently managed calcium lights, her floating, twisting, winding robes, as she gracefully manipulates them, create a fairy-like, ethereal scene. The effects of the play are good. One interior is wholly new; plain, but it is clean and new, something needed for all the old scenery of the opera-house. In the fourth act a full stage of new scenery, a stable yard with racing stalls and buildings is excellently well painted and does not credit. When the hero of the play last night made his escape from his foes on a rickety chair, the audience cheered and showed its enthusiasm, and kept up the cheering for some moments until the end of the play. The play is a very good one, and it is well worth a visit to see it. It will be repeated to-night.

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ANTI-DEBRIS MATTERS. Meeting of the State Association's Executive Committee.

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The committee proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and J. M. Morrison, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, was elected Chairman of the committee, and Robert Cosner, Sheriff of Colusa County, was re-elected Secretary.

E. Greer, whose term of office had expired as a Sacramento Supervisor, was unanimously elected a member of the Executive Committee.

The election of the other officers was postponed for one month, Mr. Wilbur, the manager, desiring to retire from the active duties of his arduous position, and to be succeeded by one of his assistants in the position he has so faithfully and worthily filled.

It was determined to adopt a constitution and set of by-laws for the guidance of the Executive Committee, and for that purpose the following committee was appointed by the Chairman: D. P. Durst of Yuba, A. Rose of Colusa, W. H. Phipps of Sutter, W. S. Green of Colusa, and Robert T. Devlin of Sacramento.

For the information of the newly-elected members, the system of auditing accounts and managing the finances was explained. All moneys contributed by the several counties constituting the association are deposited in the State Bank of California, and no bill is paid until it has been approved by the Finance and Auditing Committee, which consists of a member from each county in the association. Then a check is drawn for the amount. By this means each county, through its member, has a voice in the allowance of every claim, and becomes familiar with the financial transactions of the committee.

For the ensuing year the following Finance and Auditing Committee was appointed: L. P. Farmer, John C. White, Robert Cosner, Thomas Jenkins, Herbert Kraft and Edward Fagan.

For the purpose of properly presenting to the Legislature such measures as may be desired for the benefit of the State, the valley, and of opposing such measures as may lead to a resumption of hydraulic mining, the following Legislative Committee was appointed: Hon. W. H. Johnston, Hon. F. R. Day, Hon. A. H. Rose, John C. White, E. Greer, George Oehler, Robert T. Devlin, Edward Fagan, Thomas Jenkins, Hon. C. S. Snowball, W. H. Garnett and W. P. Craig.

The session lasted until a late hour in the evening, and several plans were discussed for the purpose of facilitating the work of the association. The new members entered with enthusiasm into the work of the committee, and made many valuable suggestions.

An adjournment was had until 10 o'clock this morning, at which time the Manager will present his report for the past year, when the various propositions that he will bring before the committee.

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THE RUSSIAN ARMY. Half a Million More Than France or Germany. In spite of financial difficulties and peaceful intentions, the Russian Government spares neither pains nor money in its efforts to keep the army on a level with those of Germany and France, or rather to outdo them; and the results, so far as they can be verified in times of peace, are the highest degree of rearmament. As far as the Russian army is concerned, the Russian War Minister can put about half a million more armed men in the field than France or Germany. The latter country can reckon on only 430,000, Russia has 4,500,000. Considering the question from the financial point of view, one cannot help wondering how it comes that the Russian Government is so disorganized, and for the needs of whose famine-stricken population contributions are solicited from all over the world, and in foreign countries, in a position to spend more money on its army every year than such a fairly prosperous country as Austria-Hungary. And yet this is the fact. Austria-Hungary's finances are in so satisfactory a state that the forced paper currency of that empire is being replaced by metallic currency on gold and silver. Government credit such that the four-per-cent loans are being converted without the slightest difficulty, and yet Austria-Hungary, in spite of extraordinary conditions which would certainly warrant and actually seem to call for increased military expenditures, lays out a considerably smaller sum on her army than does poverty-stricken Russia, whom no European State would dream of attacking. Foreigners in general have no adequate conception of the changes which, in the course of a few years, have contributed to the growth of the Russian army. Formerly, marvelous powers of endurance and courage, which knew no fear of death were the main characteristics of the Russian soldier, who, when abandoned to himself, had no more initiative than a log of wood. At present he is carefully taught, trained and drilled, knows as much about military technical matters as the average American soldier, and is a more efficient fighter. He is a more efficient fighter, and his courage and initiative, and still cultivates the old qualities which would give him a vast superiority over the most highly civilized troops of any other nation. Then as to the matter of his equipment, he is now equipped with a more powerful rifle than that of any other nation, and his equipment is more complete than that of any other nation. He is now equipped with a more powerful rifle than that of any other nation, and his equipment is more complete than that of any other nation.

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Chenille Portiers, With heavy knotted fringe, deep figured border, with handsome dado to match in all colors—olive, cardinal, tans and blue. Reduced to \$4 55 a pair.

Another line, 45 inches wide, ten feet long; in rich colorings with deep floral border and dado. Reduced to \$5 75 a pair.

Lace Curtains. In our Lace Curtain Department the reductions have been very liberal, both in Nottingham, Irish Point and Silk Curtains. One hundred and twenty pairs Ecru Lace Curtains, full three yards long, 85c a pair; reduced from \$1 25.

Ninety pairs Ecru Lace Curtains, three and a half yards long, \$1 65; reduced from \$2 50. Ladies can save just one-third the price on Lace Curtains if they buy now. This is an excellent opportunity for housekeepers to supply themselves previous to their annual house-cleaning.

Blankets. Twenty-five pair White Blankets, 10-4 size, 95c a pair; reduced from \$1 25. Twenty-five pairs White Blankets, one-half wool, \$1 85 a pair; reduced from \$2 50.

Fifty pairs White All-wool Blankets, California make, \$4 50; reduced from \$5. Comforters. A special line of Cretonne Comforters, in a variety of fancy patterns, 75c each; reduced from \$1. Pure Eiderdown Comforters, covered with best quality sateen, \$4 to each; reduced from \$5.

Wasserman & Davis Co. Corner Fifth and J Streets, Sacramento. AGENTS FOR BUTTERICK PATTERNS. Miscellaneous. Railroad Time Table. SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY (PACIFIC SYSTEM) NOVEMBER 1, 1892. Trains Leave and Arrive at Sacramento:

Table with columns: LEAVE (For), TRAINS RUN DAILY, ARRIVE (From). Lists various train routes and times.