

CLERK COFFEY SPEAKS.

His Communication to the Board of Trustees.

Mayor Steinman Says Coffey Has Not Presented His Quarterly Reports, as He Should.

The following communication from M. Coffey, Clerk of the Water Works, was read at yesterday's session of the City Trustees:

To the Honorable Board of City Trustees: GENTLEMEN: At several of your recent meetings the President of your board and Mr. Hartman in his partial report have made statements in reference to the collection of water rates which are untrue, and in order to set myself and the deputies in my office right before the public and the Board of Trustees I now address this communication to you.

On the 23d of this month I presented a statement of the amount due from water takers up to Saturday, September 30, 1893. The statement was read before the board and several names were mentioned in the papers as owing the city for water.

At the next meeting of the board, on October 9th, the Mayor took up the report, then one week old, and which had not been checked up, and read off several names, who, in the meantime, had paid their bills. If he had given the matter a thought, or made any inquiry, he would have found that there was something like \$1,000 collected between the 3d and 9th of October.

In Mr. Hartman's partial report he mentioned a hotel on Front street as not having paid any water rent for over a year, which was true, as the hotel to which he referred—namely, the Brooklyn—was closed for over a year. As proof of this I refer you to the License Collector, who says he did not receive any license from the Brooklyn Hotel during that period.

In reference to the statement made by the Mayor, that a collector offered to compromise a water bill amounting to \$24 for \$12, I knew nothing of it until I read it in the papers. That is something that has never been done by myself or any other deputy in the Water Works office since I took charge. The collector informs me that he offered to take \$12 on account, which was nothing more than has always been done.

During the time that I have held this position, a period of three years and seven months, I have turned over to the City Treasurer the sum of \$82,157, which is away ahead of any former collections, and I feel proud of it; and when any person makes an assertion that myself or any deputy that has been employed in my office since my term, has ever done anything wrong, he says that which is not true, and I defy any person to come forward and say that he ever paid any money into my office without getting a legal receipt, equivalent to the amount he or she paid.

If the President of your board knows anything wrong connected with the water works office, it is his duty to let it be known. I will admit that the ordinances under which we are working are not what they might be. The city has to give credit to everybody in the city doing business or keeping house, and if they don't pay our only remedy is to shut off the water, and the shut off system is in poor shape. I will venture to say that over half the houses in town have no individual stop-cocks.

If there were a penalty on every water-taker who has not paid up by a certain date then the collections might be kept up closer.

Our collections have kept up the average for the last three years of \$80,000. While we have gained several new water-takers, we have also lost some, through the effects of high license and electric power, instead of water power and horse power.

To show you how faulty the shut-off system is, I will give you an example: The Capital Gas Company for years has paid a monthly water bill of \$25. Some two years ago they built four cottages for the employees of the gas works, and when I asked President Steinman of the gas company for pay for those four houses, he refused to pay for them, and they have not been paid for yet, and I am powerless to compel payment, as they are using a branch pipe from the gas works and there is no record of any stop cock in this office for those houses.

I will say of the deputies in my office that they were appointed by this board, and all of them are under bonds of \$5,000 each. Yours respectfully, M. COFFEY, Clerk of Water Works.

The Mayor stated that the gas company pays \$25 per month—more than any other business in the city does—and uses very little city water. The company had erected the four cottages, and if Mr. Coffey thought water rates should be collected he should have ordered his collections or reported it. Mr. Coffey's duty was to make a quarterly report, but he had not done so. Only one report had been made since the speaker came on the board, and he had to insist on that before Coffey made it. Expert Hobbes presented the first report.

Trustee Conklin was sure there had been two reports made, but the Mayor insisted that there was only one.

Quite a discussion followed and Clerk Coffey's report was received and placed on file.

MUST GO ON.

The New Levee by the Pioneer Mill Will Be Made Strong.

At the meeting of the Board of City Trustees yesterday L. T. Hatfield, representing the Sperry Flour Company, stated that the engineers agreed that it was possible to raise the levee in front of the Pioneer Mill to the proper height without filling the street in front of the mill. He said the contractors were at work now filling in the street according to the plans and specifications, and he asked that the board would allow operation to be temporarily suspended so that the Street Commissioner and City Engineer could have an opportunity to confer with the engineer of the contractor and change the plans and specifications of the contract so as to make the levee properly without filling up the street.

"I understand," said Mayor Steinman, "that the railroad company are willing to give a piece of their land to build the levee up."

"Not to give the land," said Mr. Hatfield, "but to give the use of it for that purpose. If the board will allow the Street Commissioner and City Engineer to confer with the other engineer and change the specifications so as to make the preceding levee, the levee can be made so as not to damage the mill."

"I do not propose to give the Street Commissioner any such power," Mr. Hatfield, or to surrender any of the powers of this board to anybody," said the Mayor. "I do not wish to confiscate anyone's property, but neither Mr. Smith's mill nor anyone else's can be suffered to stand in the way of the safety of the city."

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Everything must be done in open board, and we cannot afford to take any action that will vitiate our contract with the company to build the levee. The Street Commissioner and Engineer can make their report to the board, and it can then consider the matter."

Trustee Green thought they could report on Wednesday, but as the Mayor said he would be out of the city on that day it was ordered that the report be presented on Thursday.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

It Touches the Question of Liabilities of Sureties.

The case of A. Montgomery, plaintiff and appellant vs. Albarnus L. Sayre, executor of A. L. Sayre, defendant and respondent, has been decided by the Supreme Court, affirming the judgment and order of the lower court.

The case has been before the Supreme Court once before in a different shape and is for the recovery of a note for \$10,000 for which Sayre became surety to W. S. Chapman and indirectly through him for the Pioneer Mining Company. The latter failed and its property was sold to pay the unpaid remainder of a note of which Chapman was indorser, and Chapman's land was also sold at private sale under the lien, for, as Sayre claimed, much less than its value, by Montgomery, with Chapman's consent.

The jury brought in a verdict in Montgomery's suit against Sayre, which indicated that they thought that Chapman had released Sayre from his obligations, and the Supreme Court takes the same view of the case and affirms the judgment.

Weather Notes.

The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 64° and 42°, with gentle fresh southerly winds and clear weather prevailing.

Shortly after sunrise a few fog clouds rapidly passed by. They came from San Francisco, as rain was falling there from 30 to 6 p. m.

The barometrical readings at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. were 30.12 and 30.05 inches, respectively.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 69° and 52°, 10 of an inch of rain, and one year ago to-day 66° and 52°, with .02 of an inch. From that time up to the 22d of November last year clear and pleasant weather prevailed. From the 23d it rained every day until the end of the month of November, precipitating 9.60 inches of water.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transactions have been recorded since our last report: Albert Elkus and wife to Frank L. Beckett and wife—West half of lot 2, K and L, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets.

Daniel Foley and wife to Francis J. Haughton—3.46 acres in southeast quarter of section 19, township 8 north, range 5 east.

George C. Ormsbee to E. S. Mason—Lot 99 in Oak Grove Tract.

H. C. Lawson to Sarah J. Lawson—Undivided half of fractional lot 2, section 35, township 10 north, range 7 east, excepting lot 13x140 feet; also, undivided half of fractional lot 3, section 25, township 10 north, range 7 east; \$900.

Fire Commissioners.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fire Commissioners was held last evening, President Ahern in the chair. The other Commissioner, J. M. Morrison, was also present.

There was no business to be transacted beyond allowing a number of demands and salaries and the receipt of the reports of the Foremen, which were all of the routine order.

Chief Guthrie called the attention of the Foremen to the rule which prohibits more than a certain number of men from riding on the trucks when running to fires, and notified them that this and all other rules will be rigidly enforced.

Road Committee Meeting.

William Johnston, Chairman of the County Road Convention, has called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Road Convention, to be held in the Supervisors' room at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The committee will be expected to outline a plan of campaign that will be best calculated to further the work for which it was created, and all members of the committee are urged to give the matter their earnest attention and attend the meeting prepared to offer some suggestions for the good of the cause.

The Putney Estate.

D. L. Davis, H. L. Putney and T. L. Acock, appraisers of the estate of George S. Putney, deceased, have filed their inventory and appraisal of the estate, which values it at \$6,737.

Heleen M. Putney, executrix of the will of the deceased, has petitioned for the setting apart as a homestead of a piece of land valued at \$3,000 for the benefit of the family of deceased, and also for an allowance of \$30 per month for the use of the family.

B'nai Israel Election.

At the annual meeting of the congregation B'nai Israel, held on Sunday, the following officers were elected: President, H. Weinstein; Vice-President, Charles Levy; Secretary, Leon Salomon; Treasurer, J. Ginsberg; Collector, M. Wilson; Trustees—B. Wilson, E. Steinman, S. Gerson; School Directors—Samuel Lavenson, Albert Elkus and L. Heilbron.

To Spread the Tracks.

L. T. Hatfield, representing the Central Electric Railway Company, submitted an ordinance giving the company permission to increase the space between their tracks on Third street from 1 to J, and on J from Third to Twenty-eighth. The ordinance was read the first time.

Boxing Contests.

To-morrow evening the Sacramento Athletic Club will give a series of boxing contests at the gymnasium, Sixth and M streets. The boxers are said to be all in good trim, and several interesting bouts are looked for.

Sidewalks Condemned.

The following described sidewalks were yesterday ordered condemned by the City Trustees: On lots 1 and 3, Third and Fourth, R and S; in front of 212 K street; southwest corner of Ninth and K streets.

Veteran Odd Fellows.

The annual reunion and banquet of the Veteran Odd Fellows' Association will take place this evening in Odd Fellows' Temple. These are always enjoyable occasions for the veterans.

Must Show Cause.

Judge Johnson has issued an order to M. S. Green, executor of the will of James Whitcomb, deceased, to appear in court on November 3d and show cause why he has not paid the attorney's fees allowed by the court in the matter of the estate.

J-Street Pavement.

The contractor for paving J street with bituminous rock has commenced putting in the granite curbstones preparatory to commencing the work of paving that street.

Chosen Friends' Dedication.

Sacramento Council, Order of Chosen Friends, will dedicate their new hall in the Foresters' building on Wednesday evening, the 1st.

GARDEN seeds and bulbs: hyacinth, tulip, narcissus and lily bulbs direct from the growers. Bell Conservatory Co., Tenth and Y.

BEST mountain butter, heavy weight rolls, 50c a roll; best white granulated sugar, 15¢ pounds for \$1. Fabian Bros., Ninth and J.

THE MIDWINTER FAIR.

Meeting of the Sacramento County Association.

A meeting of the Sacramento County Midwinter Fair Association was held yesterday, D. Reese (Chairman), Erskine Greer and Thomas B. Hall being present. Mr. Hall called the attention of the commission to the plan which has been suggested for the co-operation of several counties in the erection of a special building within which to exhibit their products at the Midwinter Fair, and submitted plans for the building.

After a full discussion of the question, the following resolutions were offered by Mr. Greer and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It appears to this commission that the erection of a building at the Midwinter Fair would be to the best interest of Central and Northern California, within which to exhibit the products of the various counties, therefore be it

Resolved, That one of this commission be appointed as a committee to confer with the Commissioners from other counties looking to the erection of such building and to make any arrangements he may deem proper and expedient for the best interests of Sacramento county; and furthermore that he be authorized to make and perfect such arrangements in relation to the erection of said building as may be determined upon by a joint representation from five or more counties.

Resolved, That Thomas B. Hall be and is hereby appointed to take charge of and carry out the intent of the foregoing resolution.

F. B. Hall was elected Treasurer of the commission. Erskine Greer was appointed Superintendent and Manager of the Sacramento County exhibit to be made at the Midwinter Fair at San Francisco.

The Commissioners express the belief that several counties will join in the movement and that there will be a grand display made in a separate building by Northern and Central California.

A BEAN CROP.

It Has Stirred Up Considerable Trouble for the Owners.

Stanton, Thomson & Co., J. L. Aldrich, Lawrence Ross, J. W. Houston and H. F. Isham, creditors of A. W. Stuart, have petitioned the Superior Court to declare him an insolvent, and appoint a receiver to take charge of his crop of beans, valued at \$15,000, for which he has given a chattel mortgage to McDonogh & Runyon, for an alleged indebtedness to them. Judge Catlin has, after reciting the complaint of petitioners, appointed as Receiver Sheriff T. W. O'Neil to take charge of, harvest and sell the crop.

On Saturday McDonogh & Runyon made an attempt to remove the crop to San Francisco, driving off the keepers, and placing a part of it on board of a steamer. Sheriff O'Neil telephoned to and sent a deputy down to protect the keepers and see that the crop was not removed. The Captain of the boat refused to allow the staff to be taken off the boat, and the deputy who accompanied and took charge of it until it got to San Francisco, where it was put in a warehouse subject to his orders. Finding themselves in conflict with the Sheriff, the firm dropped the attempt at removal.

TO SAN QUENTIN.

Thomas Duहित Goes There for Stealing Chickens.

In Judge Johnson's court yesterday Thomas Duहित, the chicken-thief, withdrew his plea of not guilty, confessed that he did steal the fowls, and was sentenced to one year at San Quentin.

The wife and four children of the prisoner were in court at the time and were greatly distressed over the affair. The court was appealed to by the prisoner's counsel, to make the sentence as light as possible, as Duहित's family were in need of his assistance. It was this fact and the prisoner's pleading guilty that secured him so light a sentence.

Judge Johnson gave Duहित a severe lecture, in which he told him to keep away from this locality hereafter, or so long as he might be in the chicken-stealing business, for if convicted before him again he would get the full benefit of the law.

Quit Claim Deeds.

Governor Markham has issued quit claim deeds on behalf of the State under the statutes of 1891 to the following named settlers, for lots situated in the southeast quarter of section 19, township 11 north, range 7 east, Mount Diablo base and meridian: John N. Taylor, lot 17; Julius Schwalenberg, lot 11, and August Hill, lot 9.

Painful Accident.

Yesterday a machinist at the railroad shops, named Robert Hunt, had a finger cut off by a circular saw. It was not the first misfortune of the kind that had befallen Mr. Hunt, as some time ago he lost several fingers in the same way.

Notaries Public.

Governor Markham has appointed and commissioned the following Notaries Public: Arthur A. McSorley at Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras County, and W. H. Clark at Salinas City, Monterey County.

Agricultural Director.

Governor Markham has appointed and commissioned P. E. G. Auzar Director of Agricultural District No. 33, vice P. L. Nash, resigned.

PURE 18-carat gold wedding rings at the popular jewelry house, 422 J street, Gold and silversmiths of Sacramento.

WRITE to Cooper's for anything in the music line. Mathushek pianos.

MARRIED.

DE COSTA-MEYERS—In this city, October 29th, by Rev. Chas. F. Oehler, at the German Lutheran Church, corner Twelfth and K streets, Arthur A. Costa to Minnie Meyers, both of Sacramento.

BORN.

HILDRETH—In this city, October 26th, to the wife of Thomas A. Hildreth, a son, McLEAN—In this city, September 22d, to the wife of Lachlan A. McLean, a son.

DIED.

SLAUGHTER—In this city, October 25th, Jesse Slaughter, a native of Kentucky, aged 59 years, 3 months and 24 days. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from his late residence, 528 M street, thence to A. M. E. Church, Seventh street, between G and H, where funeral services will be held.

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LOT II.—Red and Black Striped and Checked Outing Flannels, fast colors and heavy quality, 9c per yard.

LOT III.—White Cotton Blankets with good, soft nap and full size, 88c per pair.

LOT IV.—Lambskin Blankets in new shade of oak tan with fancy borders; a showy blanket, 95c per pair.

LOT V.—We shall place on sale another lot of Heavy Swansdown Flannelettes in light and medium stripes. The rapidity with which these goods sold at our last sales is a proof of their excellent value, 7c per yard.

LOT VI.—A small lot of White Honeycomb Bedspreads, slightly soiled in transit; can easily be washed. Price, 68c.

LOT VII.—Striped Dress Gingham, good quality, 7c per yard.

Ladies' Cloaks.

Our recent special sale of Ladies' and Misses' New Style Jackets and Capes proved a great success. Customers bought freely because of the low prices at which they could obtain new, seasonable goods. We still have a variety of all sizes and styles on hand at special and reduced prices, as follows:

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Ladies' Cloth and Velvet Capes.....\$6 98 to \$13 98
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