

THE CITY'S DRAINAGE CANAL.

Report Against It by the Commissioners of District 535.

They Want Both the City and County to Take Care of Their Surplus Water, Etc.

Sacramento City has received another rap on the knuckles on account of her drainage canal, this time from John Miller, P. R. Beckley and William Holtum, the Commissioners recently appointed to levy the assessment in Reclamation District 535, for improving the levees and putting in a pumping plant to relieve that district from waters artificially drained upon it.

These gentlemen concluded their labors a couple of weeks ago, and have now come to report to Colonel James McNasser, E. R. Edwards and John Cox, the newly elected Trustees of the district.

In connection with their report they have made a supplemental one on the subject of the injury inflicted on the low lands in the district by city and county drainage, in which they say:

"Pursuant to appointment of the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, we have completed our labors as Commissioners for levying the assessment of \$50,000 for the reclamation of the lands included within the boundaries of your district. Incident thereto we have investigated your proposed plan of reclamation, the strengthening of your levees and the establishing of a pumping plant of sufficient capacity to drain the lands located therein from ordinary seepage waters and rainfall.

"We desire to express to you our approval of the proposed plan, but in doing so we desire to call your attention still closer to the absolute necessity of the establishment of the Sacramento City Drainage (7) Canal, so-called, and the necessity for the diversion of the county road drainage to an outfall beyond your district, where its effects will not be detrimental in any particular to the lands adjacent to the outfall, and where it will be brought entirely beyond the confines of your district.

"The drainage canal is, in our opinion, detrimental to all the lands contiguous thereto, and can in no way serve the purpose for which it was constructed. More damage, in our opinion, is occasioned by reason of this canal than the benefits accrued therefrom. It can never successfully serve the purpose of disposing of the sewage of Sacramento City, and the sooner it is entirely obliterated, from beginning to end, the better it will be, in our opinion, for all the land lying adjacent thereto.

"Sacramento City should, by all means, either assist you in establishing your drainage plan, or else it should cut loose entirely from the same, and take care of and properly dispose of its sewage and drainage waters.

"It is equally incumbent, in our opinion, upon the county of Sacramento to make reparation to your district for the damage inflicted and still continuing to be inflicted.

"Year after year this county has been constructing roadways and incidentally constructing ditches to drain them. From Colson to Freepoot these roads are drained from one road to the other, till the water is eventually thrown into the boundaries of your district, flooding the 'pocket,' so called. This should be rectified, and the county was never in a better position to accomplish this result than it is to-day.

"The levee constructed on your south boundary, and known as the old railroad bauld, should be preserved. The earth bauld away should be replaced and the whole left intact to still further protect your district from floodwaters from the south, and at the same time still further protect Sacramento City."

"The new Trustees of the district are pushing along the work on the heretofore less substantial portions of the levee south of the city, and expect to have it completed within another week or two. Negotiations are under way for a pumping plant, and the Trustees say it will be in operation in time to place the low lands in condition for cultivation the coming year.

"The attorneys who are looking after the legal matters for the district and under whose advice the Trustees act, furnish the following statement concerning the recent election for Trustees, giving the cause of the difficulties which led to the contest in the courts as to who were legally chosen to manage the affairs of the district:

"The result of the recent suit brought by the people, upon the relation of Geo. Peters against the Trustees, who claimed the office of Trustee, and which was tried before Judge A. P. Catlin, shows that Hite never had been legally a Trustee.

"The total number of legal votes cast at the election was 1,830,217, which were voted as follows: James McNasser, 466,718; E. R. Edwards, 453,245; John Cox, 455,245; J. G. Hite, 455,009.

"This vote differs materially from the returns of the Board of Election, which included 55,450 votes divided equally between Cox and Hite, as allowed by the board, but which were thrown out by the court as being illegal. These illegal votes are made up of 12,900 allowed by the board to H. W. Hays above the number he was legally entitled to, 29,750 to T. Reynolds, 3,450 to F. Aschenauer, and 10,900 voted by O. O. Lovdahl in excess of the number allowed by the board, but which were counted by them.

"The returns of the board also included 1,000 votes divided equally between McNasser and Edwards, cast by J. Calisto in excess of the votes he was entitled to. The board threw out 7,350 votes given by J. S. Sebastio to McNasser and Edwards, and refused to count them. These votes were allowed and counted by the court.

acres of fertile bottom land, which, if brought under permanent cultivation, will add largely to the taxable wealth of the county, and, being contiguous to the city, would also add greatly to its business.

IT WAS A CORKER. Old Boreas Howled Along at a Sixty-Mile-an-Hour Gait. The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 58° and 33°, with high northerly winds and clear weather prevailing.

The greatest wind velocity was reached at 3:05 A. M. yesterday, it reboring a maximum velocity of 45 miles, and an extreme velocity of 60 miles per hour. The barometrical readings at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. were 30.00 and 30.02 inches, respectively.

The barometer rose quite rapidly during Thursday night and yesterday up to noon, but began falling again, although it was higher at 5 P. M. than at 5 A. M. The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 65° and 34°, and one year ago to-day 70° and 37°.

The wind yesterday whistled through and over this city at the rate of from 20 to 60 miles per hour, with very drying northerly winds, which licked up the moisture in damp places with an eagerness unknown to winds in the East. These are leading winds to the landowners of our valleys by eliminating malarial effects.

GOODRICH CINCHEO. A Yoloite Convicted of Selling Liquor to Indians. While the Plutes were in this neighborhood last August and September picking hops they frequently obtained liquor from mysterious sources. It was finally learned that one Goodrich, who conducted a "deadfall" a couple of miles west of Washington, had been supplying firewater to some of the red men, and he was arrested.

His trial came off at Woodland on Thursday last, and the testimony was so conclusive that he was convicted. The passing of sentence was continued until a week from Monday, and in the meantime Goodrich will try to get a new trial.

Inspecting Yolo Levees. Supervisor Casselman of Yolo and A. C. Rumble, Chief Engineer of the California Construction Company, have been looking over the river levees in this portion of that county. They report work progressing on the Paine break, which is nearly completed.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT. William Hedger, a Painter, Falls Forty-five Feet. His Spine Fractured, and Other Severe and Probably Fatal Injuries Sustained.

Shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon F. E. Ray, whose drug store is in the Odd Fellows' Temple, heard what sounded like the report of an explosion up-stairs, and a man who was passing along in front ran out into the street, thinking there was an explosion in the store. Ray ran out into the street also, and looking up saw a man trying to raise another up from the floor of the awning or balcony in front of the building.

He soon ascertained that a painter named William Hedger had fallen from the roof of the building, which was being painted. Peter Newman, who was on the opposite side of the street and saw the unfortunate man fall, states that only a short time before he saw him moving around and heard him whistling as unconcerned as if on the ground. Hedger's fall must have slipped or he missed his hold, for suddenly he saw him falling through space. He fell face downward, striking apparently with his whole body at the same time, and struck with such force that he bounded up when he struck the porch, and throwing up one arm, lay still.

Dr. Laine, who happened to be close by, took the unfortunate Hedger to his home at Nineteenth and L streets, where an examination showed that there was a fracture of the spine in the vicinity of the pelvis. Hedger was a terrible sight, his teeth being all broken in, and his body horribly bruised. It was thought a bone in his arm was also fractured, but it was impossible to ascertain accurately the extent of his injuries, which may be internal also.

He is an industrious, hard-working man, and had made a contract to paint the roof for \$130, and just started in on his job at 1 P. M. yesterday. He has a wife and several children. With injuries of such a nature the chances are, of course, against his recovery, indeed, it is difficult to see how he survived at all, as he must have fallen forty-five feet sheer.

It was reported at a late hour last night that Hedger's injuries had resulted fatally, but his physicians had not received any notice of his being worse, so the report was probably groundless.

AMUSEMENTS. The last performances of the beautiful Irish drama, "Arrah na Pogue," Boucault's best Irish play, will take place at the Clunie Opera-house to-night and to-morrow night. There will be a matinee at 2 o'clock to-day. To-morrow night will be Mrs. Ward's last appearance here for some time, as she leaves for San Francisco on Monday, to fill an engagement at the Alcazar Theater.

At the Clunie Opera-house this morning the boxseats of the Metropolitan Theater will be ready for reservation of seats of the engagement of Dailey's low comedy company, in "A Country Sport," to be produced at the Metropolitan on the evening of Wednesday next.

The "Dairymaids" cantata was given last night again at the Sixteenth-street Lutheran Church to a large and appreciative audience. The performers had become more accustomed to posing before the public and did better than before, and the drills were given with more precision. The song of the milk-cans brought down the house, and the applause was long and loud after the manner of the entertainment. The supper was done full justice to and all went home feeling well satisfied with their evening's enjoyment.

The second annual ball of Clan Gordon, Order of Scottish Clans, will be given at Turner Hall on December 20th. There will be all the national dances—highland fling, reels and sword dances—by the clan. There besides the usual list of popular dances.

On December 14th the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will give "a mystery and dance" for charity, at Turner Hall.

The Chinatown Trouble. Last night the two ambassadors of the Six Companies who came here to try and settle the difficulty in Chinatown reported to Police Captain Simmons that their mission had been a failure. They say they have and will have the Chinese Consul come up here to-day and see what he can do in the way of establishing peace.

HAVE MATURED THEIR PLAN.

The Officers-Elect Meet and Decide What to Do.

They Will Go in a Body Monday Morning and Demand of the Trustees Their Certificates.

The officers-elect of the city held a meeting yesterday afternoon at the office of City Attorney-elect J. Frank Brown to consider the matter of securing their seats.

It was understood when the meeting of the Board of Trustees closed last Monday that Mr. Brown was to be refused a certificate of election and ask the Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus to compel the Board to give it to him. He was not at the time, however, fully satisfied that this was the proper course to pursue, and announced his intention of investigating the matter more closely.

He has done so, and others of the victors in the late election have also had conferences with prominent attorneys, which resulted yesterday in a change of programme, and which, instead of placing the issue on the point of burden on those who wish to contest it.

Yesterday afternoon Messrs. Lawton, Tozer, Davis, Brazg, Pennish, Wachoster, Kent, Devine, McKee, Porter, Brown and Cronin were present and agreed on a course of action.

W. D. Lawton, who was elected Trustee, was the first speaker, and thought that the proper way for the officers-elect would be to go to the Board of Trustees Monday morning in a body and demand their certificates. If the Trustees refused to do so, he would then apply to the court. Let the people who have elected the new officers, and who previously adopted the new charter, then take up the fight and see that the Board of Trustees do not see why he should have to test the charter which the Legislature has authorized, when it was a matter in which every citizen is interested.

Mr. Tozer thought the city should defend the charter. Brown said the provision of the law was that only in case of immediate or pending injury could an injunction issue. There would be no injury to the present incumbents, and therefore no injunction can be granted. The present incumbents are in good, and in the absence of a decision to the contrary it is the Trustees' duty to issue the certificates. The new officers should go in a body on Monday morning and demand the certificates. He read a letter from Freeman & Bates stating that they were confident the charter would be sustained. They would take the case.

The Trustees' powers, he said, were ministerial, not judicial, and they have no right to deny the certificates. On January 1st the present incumbents refused to resign, on complaint to the Attorney-General he will commence action, and the trustees are liable to damages, and in case of judgment against them are liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000, which they or their bondsmen must pay. On motion of Mr. Tozer, they decided to go in a body on Monday at 10 A. M., all the officers-elect to be present, and Mr. Brown to demand in the name of each and all that the board issue their certificates of election to them.

A BANKER'S VIEWS. What Frank Miller Has to Say of His Visit to the East.

A RECORD-UNION reporter yesterday saw Frank Miller, who has just returned from a five-weeks' visit to the East with his family. He seems to have enjoyed his trip immensely, and spoke of the World's Fair as something too great for any man to see. In fact, he goes so far as to say that the good people of Chicago were certainly crazy when they planned this enterprise; it required the outlay of probably fifty millions of dollars on temporary lines for a show intended to last six months.

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