

A SESSION OF THE CITY FATHERS.

The Hitch Between Them and the Mayor.

Corporation Counsel Devlin Will Give an Opinion Thereon—The Sewerage Plans Deferred.

The Board of City Trustees held a special meeting last night, Trustees Lawton, Wachhorst, Kent, Davis, Bragg, Devine, Leonard, Tozer and Pennish being present.

R. T. Devlin, as Corporation Counsel, presented to the board for their approval a contract he had drawn up between the city and the Ione Coal Company, for furnishing coal for the Water Works during the ensuing year.

With regard to the claim of B. Labs, for land taken by the city from him at North B street and Twelfth, he was of opinion that the city would have to pay for the land if it has taken it, as Labs states that he notified the Surveyor that the road trespassed on his land. The city has not condemned it or taken any steps to do so.

Devine thought that if the City Surveyor had laid out the road over Mr. Labs' land, he was the one who should be called on to pay for it and not the city. Counsel Devlin said that was a matter for the city to settle with the Surveyor's bondsmen.

BRECKENRIDGE'S CLAIM. Miss Laura M. Tilden presented a claim of R. T. Breckenridge for \$500 damages against the city, he having been thrown from his buggy down the levee at Eleventh and Y streets on a dark night, there being no protection at that spot against such accidents.

Messrs. Wachhorst, Pennish and Davis stated that Mr. Breckenridge was not so badly injured but that he was able to get about on the next day, as he conversed with them and told them of his mishap.

Miss Tilden presented a physician's certificate as to Breckenridge's injuries, and stated that she had witnesses who could testify to the condition of the buggy and horse after the accident.

Some facetious questions as to Breckenridge's condition for sobriety were made, parried by her, and the matter was referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS. City Collector McKee presented his monthly report of money collected as follows: City taxes, \$191,450 10; city licenses, \$1,497 50; dog taxes, 78; cemetery dues, \$1,022 50; harbor dues, \$142 50; water rates, \$4,549 75; water taps, \$30; total, \$199,199 35.

City Treasurer Porter reported the balance in the treasury May 31 to be \$55,683 93; receipts during month, \$22,846 77; total, \$78,530 70; warrants paid, \$48,903 63; coupons paid, \$36,106 50; total disbursements, \$85,010 13; balance June 1st, \$235,699 63.

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the opinion that the board had a right to make the offer, but after the acceptance of the plan it would become a contract. A new advertisement could reserve the right to reject all plans, if the board so wished.

The matter was then dropped.

THE MAYOR'S PROPOSITION. Bragg called the attention of the board to the proposition of the Mayor that the difference of opinion between him and the board as to the meaning of certain sections of the charter be submitted to the two Superior Judges of the county, sitting in bank, without argument.

He thought that the proposition was a fair one, and it would be for the best interests of the city to have it settled as speedily as possible.

Devine thought it would be better to submit it to a certain number of the freeholders who framed it, and who must know what they meant in framing it.

Leonard thought that there was no necessity in submitting it to anyone. The charter, he thought, reads plain enough and gives the Trustees authority in the matter. If the Mayor has sole power to purchase, and should choose to do so, he could run the city into debt, and the Trustees would be liable for the debt.

The Mayor was called on for his opinion. He thought that Section 62 only referred to the department of public works. These questions have to be ultimately come before the courts, and he wished them settled now, as he desired to have no friction between him and the board.

He should regret that he was not a city official, but should certainly do so if he did not obey his orders. The board might reinstate them, but he should stand firm again. He was not at all likely to run the city into debt, as his bondsmen would be liable.

R. T. Devlin stated that for the best interests of the city all such differences should be settled by the Mayor in sole power to purchase supplies was referred to the Corporation Counsel, to be reported on next Monday night.

A license was granted to Freygang & Schneider to keep a saloon on J street, between Ninth and Tenth.

The application of Andrew Waldron for a license to keep a saloon on J street, between Second and Eighth, was referred to the Chief of Police, according to rule, as was that of H. D. Gambie to keep a saloon at 906 Seventh street.

MISCELLANEOUS. On suggestion of Corporation Counsel the bond of the Ione Coal Company was fixed at \$2,500.

On motion of Leonard a dozen bracket lamps were ordered purchased for the engine houses.

He also moved that a large gown be purchased for the Nineteenth and L engine-house, and stated that Mr. Grau had \$28 93; receipts during month, \$22,846 77; total, \$250,430 73; warrants paid, \$48,903 63; coupons paid, \$36,106 50; total disbursements, \$85,010 13; balance June 1st, \$235,699 63.

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COURTLAND HAS A BIG SENSATION.

How Did Farmer Louis Veil Come to be Drowned?

Some Ugly Rumors That Warrant the Suspicion That He Was Murdered.

The finding of the body of a man in the river near Ileton, on Wednesday, may prove to be a clue to a sensational murder, or it may turn out to be a case of suicide.

In either event it will furnish the gossip of that neighborhood with something to talk about for months to come.

When the body was first found it was thought to be that of a Chinaman, but turns out to be that of a white man, and its discovery is thought to partially explain a mystery that has existed about Courtland and Ileton for some months past.

The body is so badly decomposed that it is unrecognizable, but it is thought it can be identified by the clothing. Indeed, a storekeeper at Courtland claims that the shoes worn by the deceased are identical with a pair sold by him to Louis Veil, a Frenchman living near that place, about the 1st of February last.

Veil was a farmer living on a ten-acre tract of land on one of the islands in that vicinity, and who suddenly disappeared from his home in February last. No tidings of him have since been heard, and it is now believed that the body lying at the Morgue is his.

Connected with Veil's disappearance are some ugly rumors, which have given rise to the belief in some quarters that he was murdered and his body thrown into the river.

It is said that for some time prior to his disappearance there had been bad blood between himself and a man in his employ, named Henry, who had been in the latter's employ in the neighborhood of Ileton. People living in the neighborhood recall the fact that a short time after Veil disappeared so mysteriously the hired man, Henry, was seen to come here and his whereabouts are unknown.

It is possible, however, that Veil may have taken his own life, and that the hired man, whom he suspected of having supplied with the rope, was afraid to tell his wife, got out of the way through fear that he might be charged with having put Veil out of the way.

Perhaps the man who is able to throw any light on the subject is Veil's widow, and it remains to be seen whether or not she can or will do so. Coroner Clark sent for her yesterday to come here and see if she can identify the deceased's clothing as that of her husband.

Dr. G. A. White held an autopsy yesterday on the body of the drowned man, but he was unable to determine whether the latter came to his death at the hands of another, or whether it was a case of suicide. What he did ascertain is that the right foot was missing, as also the right arm. The left hand was missing, and the arm fell from the body in lifting it from the coffin. A rope was around the neck, tied to which was part of a sack. The nose, mouth and scalp were missing. No fracture of the skull was found, and no wounds discovered on the part of the trunk likely to have been inflicted with a deadly weapon.

"I am unable to state whether the case is one of murder or suicide by drowning."

Coroner Clark says the appearance of the body indicates that it had been in the water fully an hour before it was found, and he has not the slightest doubt that the body is his.

Of course, Veil could have been murdered without showing signs of violence. He may have been poisoned, or overpowered and strangled while asleep, and his body thrown into the river.

If the hired man was not directly responsible for Veil's death, it is strange that he should have left the neighborhood so soon after the latter disappeared.

This of itself is a very suspicious circumstance, one that warrants the officers in thoroughly investigating the matter and, if possible, securing the arrest of the suspected individual.

THE REORGANIZERS. One Branch of the Democracy to Name a Ticket To-Day.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the Reorganized Democracy will meet in County Convention at Turner Hall, for which purpose three hundred and fifty delegates have been appointed.

For some of the offices the candidates are already selected, while for others men are being imported to "stand in" and the prospect is that the convention will be able to put up a full ticket, or nearly so.

The irrepressible conflict is still on between the two factions of the Democracy, and there is no more prospect of harmony than there was a year ago. The Reorganizers insist that the branch of the party calling themselves the Regulars consists of but three persons, who are prominent Regulars yesterday declared that the Reorganizers represent but four men. He predicted that, but few whose names are on the prospect of harmony would be present, and could find no terms harsh enough to apply to that wing of the party.

But of course there are quite a number of Democrats in the county, torn as the party is by dissensions, and most of them will be found voting on election day for Democratic candidates. Not a few, however, admit that they are disgusted with the leaders for being all the time in a row, and say they will vote for the Republican or Populist candidates.

Some of the candidates—or those who will be candidates—are men who do not rely wholly on their party (or factional) strength for election. They have individual following, and are not afraid to pull through, despite their party's quarrels.

To-day's convention is expected to be a pretty lively one at all events. Some of the delegates appointed thereto say they are "Regulars," and should they attend the convention they are apt to hurl a few firebrands.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Jackson Eby, the Nominee in the Third District.

Jackson Eby, who was nominated by the Republicans of the Third Equalization District, is a pioneer of this State, and has resided in Tehama County for the past forty years. He was Assessor of that county for fourteen years continuously up to 1887. During his term of office he made many improvements in the mode of assessing and in the compilation of the assessment roll, and has received many complimentary notices on his efficient work through the State Board of Equalization and the press of the State.

Take no substitutes. Send a cent stamp to Chas. E. Hires Co., Philadelphia, for beautiful picture cards.

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His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from 1 O. O. F. Hall, K street, between Ninth and Tenth, Sunday, June 24th, at 2:30 o'clock.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

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walks—the former by a barber-pole and the latter with a show-window—were dismissed on motion of the City Attorney, the ordinance having been complied with.

AFTER THE "FLAPPERS" The Young Wild-Fowl in the Tules Are in Danger.

It behooves the members of the several gun clubs in this city to take immediate steps to prevent the slaughter of young ducks in the breeding grounds throughout the tule basin in this, Yolo and Solano Counties, if they wish to enjoy any sport at duck-shooting next fall.

The tules are said to be alive with young mallards, teal and sprig, and this fact has aroused the "bushwackers," who yearly slaughter and scourg them into the open market, but into hotels and restaurants in San Francisco, where the toothsome "flappers" command handsome prices.

Yesterday a RECORD-UNION reporter saw a couple of Portuguese heading in the direction of the tules, with a couple of duckboats and a shooting outfit in a wagon. An attempt had been made to hide the boats and their contents by covering them with grass, to represent a load of that article, but the ends of the boats protruded and were exposed to view.

Unless steps are taken to prevent the untimely and illegal slaughter of the young ducks, they will be nearly exterminated before many weeks.

Of course it is the duty of Constables and other officials to see that violators of the game laws are brought to justice, the same as other criminals, but they do not, as a rule, pay much heed to such things. Therefore the sportsmen's clubs should take the matter up and see if they cannot do something toward having the game laws respected.

MASONIC EXCURSION. Laying the Corner-Stone of the Auburn Courthouse.

Sacramento Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, has received an invitation from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California, to join with Nevada Commandery as an escort to the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the new Courthouse at Auburn, Placer County, on July 4th.

A meeting of the Commandery was held last evening and it was decided to accept the invitation. A special train will be chartered to leave Sacramento on the 4th at 8 A. M., and returning leave Auburn about 11 P. M. The Second Regiment Band has been engaged to accompany the Commandery.

The several Masonic Lodges of the city have also been invited to participate in the proceedings, and it is likely that a large number of the members will join the excursion.

Water Shut Off. The City Tapper gives notice that the water will be shut off from S. A. m. till 3 P. M. to-day for the south side of K street and the north side of L street, from Second to Sixth streets.

Auction Sales. At the salesrooms of R. E. Greer & Co., 1004-6 J street, will be sold at auction, at 10 A. M. to-day, horses, buggies, harness, wagons, crockery, glassware, furniture and a large assortment of household goods.

Bell & Co., at 323 J street, will sell at auction, at 10 A. M. to-day, a large invoice of parlor, bedroom, dining-room and kitchen furniture, carpets, beds and bedding, lounges, folding bed, gas stove, one gent's and one lady's saddle, cash register, ranges, crockery, etc.

Also, for sale, for sale of horses, buggies, wagons, carts, harness, etc.

Weather Notes. The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 74° and 52°, with fresh to brisk southerly winds and clear weather prevailing.

The barometrical readings at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. were 29.91 and 29.90 inches, respectively.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 74° and 52°, and one year ago to-day 81° and 52°.

Horses at Auction. At the old car stables, at Twenty-eighth and J streets, D. J. Simmons & Co. will sell at auction this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, thirty head of fine work and road horses, besides a lot of farming implements, wagons, carts, harness, buggies, carriages, etc.

Delegates and Placerties. A trainload of eighteen cars filled with delegates returning home from the convention left this city for the bay yesterday afternoon. Three hundred and fifty County residents also passed through on their way to take in Placer County's day at the Midwinter Fair to