

POSTPONEMENT TILL NEXT MONDAY.

The "Pocket" Reclamation District in Abyeance.

Supervisors Want a Little Advice From the District Attorney and Time to Think.

The consideration of the petition of residents of the "Pocket," below the city, to have their property set apart from Reclamation District No. 535, for the purpose of forming a separate district, was continued yesterday by the Board of Supervisors.

C. Schreiner was recalled for the opposition and contradicted the statement of Surveyor Boyd that the natural drainage of the district lay outside the limits of the proposed new district, saying that a part of the lowest ground would run inside the levee. He showed on the map where cuts had been made when the drainage canal was dug, in order to let the water into Schreiner's Lake. The water at present runs into the new district and would have to get three feet higher in order to run out over the lands outside of the levee, if the district were formed.

"Then all the use there is for the new district is as a reservoir to hold the water that comes down from above," said A. J. Bruner, counsel for the petitioners.

"That is all it can be used for," said the witness. "The water cannot get out, and it stays there forever."

"Then all that would be done if the new district is formed would be to narrow the basin where the water comes down," said Mr. Bruner.

"That is all," said Mr. Schreiner. He then showed where the bridges and roads were. If had the basin were cut off, he said, the other half would have to take care of the water.

Mrs. Catherine Slavson, whose place is about three-quarters of a mile from the levee of the district, thought that if it were built it would back the water up on her land and destroy it. If the levee were maintained, she might not damage her, but would leave a passage only three-quarters of a mile wide for the water to go through.

Mrs. Alvina Knott testified that it would make the water come up much higher on her place than it does now, and that she could not rent it.

W. E. Lovdal, who is one of the Trustees of District No. 535, said he was familiar with the action of the water in the district, and in his opinion the formation of the new district would be a decided damage. The old district would be compelled to receive all the drainage water from the high lands, and it would back up much higher than now. It would also necessitate two pumping plants, which would be much more costly than the one now. The water would also cover land that is not covered now, and the old district would have to bear all the expense of taking care of the water from the plain.

He had since his election called a meeting of the property owners to discuss the matter of allowing the formation of a new district, and in his opinion the appointment to confer with Colonel McNasser and Mr. O'Neill. The bone of contention was the inequality of the land assessment in the proposed district, and the other side would only listen to letting the assessment stand and having a pumping plant put in.

Supervisor Curtis asked if, in case the Supreme Court decided the assessment to be just, he and Trustee Schreiner would take steps to carry out the decree of the court, and Mr. Lovdal answered that if the court decided it to be just he would not object to carrying it out. He and Mr. Schreiner had been elected by the people in opposition to the assessment and he could not at present tell what the board would do.

Mr. Bruner said that there were only seven men in the district sued in the suit now before the Supreme Court, and if the decision was against them the Trustees intended to sit down and bring no suits against the remaining 140.

Mr. Sims objected to any such statements and Mr. Lovdal stated that he had no such intention.

He said the Lovdal lands were now assessed for \$1,100 or \$1,200 for pumping. He described the ditches on his place and said that he did not drain much water into the basin, in answer to a question. Mr. Bruner said that it was not the intention of the highlanders to fool along and make the lands in the proposed district carry the water as long as they can without putting in a pumping plant. He thought that if the Board of Supervisors would appoint new Commissioners and have a new assessment made, it would be settled satisfactorily. Since he had been on the board there had been no such thing as carrying the water down to the lowlands, and he had the opportunity to consider the question of enjoining the plains people from sending down all their water into the district. The meeting called by him was for all interested. He said he was in favor of a pumping plant as soon as practicable.

Mr. Morrison said that what was practicable was a long way of sometimes. This land is near the city and should be reclaimed in order to add largely to the taxable property of the county. He asked if, in case the Supreme Court decided the assessment illegal, the Trustees would immediately ask for the appointment of new Commissioners and proceed immediately with the work of reclamation.

Mr. Lovdal said he would. He said that he considered the present assessment unjust, because it did not take into consideration the fact that the low land would receive all the benefit of it, but would pay only a small share of the cost. The high land has been for years bearing nearly all the expense of keeping up the levees, and the low lands have paid next to nothing. Colonel McNasser paid no levee tax.

Mr. Bruner said he could not find on the list the name of any Lovdal who was having any levee tax, and Mr. Lovdal said that they paid nearly all the levee tax the last time one was levied, and it amounted to \$1 per acre, the lowlands paying very little.

A TRIP OF FIVE HUNDRED MILES.

Bureau of Highway Commissioners Return.

They Find the Residents of the Northern Part of the State in Accord With Them.

Commissioners Manson and Irvine of the Bureau of Highways returned yesterday from an extended trip to the northern part of the State, looking well and hearty and evidently not shaken to pieces by the roads over which they have traveled.

The trip was through the counties of Placer, Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Tehama, Shasta, Trinity, Glenn and Colusa, and amounted to over 500 miles, an aggregation of the miles traveled by them through the State with their team. In traveling from one county seat to another they traveled over at least one of the principal roads of each county, and had thus an opportunity of judging, in a measure, in what kind of repair the roads are kept, and also the kind of material used on them.

The Commissioners traveled in the wagon that they had made for their use, a light two-horse spring wagon, with two inches wider than many large two-horse wagons that are made to carry heavy loads. The horses had no blinds or check-reins, and after 1,500 miles of travel, often more than 200 miles in a day, the team is in better condition than it was when it started out, showing that with proper care and treatment horses can stand a great amount of work and do well under it.

The Bureau has secured some interesting photographs of the Tehama County road—crossing the lava plains north-east of Red Bluff.

The Commissioners feel very much encouraged by the earnestness with which the people of the counties have taken hold of the good-roads movement and the willingness they have shown to co-operate with the Bureau and the Board of Supervisors.

Being asked which they found the better, the roads in the mountains or in the valleys, it was stated by Mr. Manson that the roads in the mountains were better. There were two drawbacks to maintaining mountain roads: First, the expense of constructing and operating steep grades, and second, the expense of repairing them in the spring from the effects of the rains and the melting snow.

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statement that the deceased cattle had from thirty to forty pounds of the stuff in their stomachs.

Superintendent Jenkins, who accompanied Dr. H. W. Harkness to Erhardt's ranch, corroborated Dr. Harkness' statement as published in the Record-Union—that Mr. Erhardt said that four or five hundred pounds and a half of the earthy matter in the stomachs of the diseased carcasses.

Mr. Jenkins also told Dr. Harkness that he found a parasitic growth on the carcass in a certain field where some of the cattle had been pastured, and stated that Mr. Erhardt said that only those that were in that field had died. The same thing occurred some years ago.

Health of the State. Dr. J. R. Laine, Secretary of the State Board of Health, in his report for October, says: Reports from twenty-seven localities, outside of the larger cities and towns, give 12 cases of pneumonia, 77 of bronchitis, 23 of pleurisy, 9 of congestion of the lungs, 136 of diarrhea, 55 of dysentery, 26 of cholera morbus, 18 of cholera infantum, 2 of diphtheria, 4 of croup, 9 of scarlatina, 1 of measles, 1 of whooping cough, 10 of grippe, 30 of typhoid fever, 162 of malarial fevers, 3 of cerebro-spinal fever, 8 of erysipelas, 56 of rheumatism, 1 of diphtheria, 30 of tonsillitis and 37 of pharyngitis.

Chicken-pox was reported epidemic at Watsonville. Reports from fifty-five cities, towns, villages and sanitary districts, aggregating a population of 746,230, show a mortality of 1.40 per cent for 1,000 for October, or 14.40 per 1,000 per annum.

The State Hooper. Secretary of State L. H. Brown has issued the "California Blue Book, or State Hooper," for the year 1895. It contains an outline map of the various counties, showing where the State buildings, institutions and property are located, with elegant half-tone pictures of the State Capitol and other public buildings.

The book is a valuable reference work, and is an official directory of the Judicial, Executive and Legislative Departments of the State Government and of county officials. It also contains the publication of all State and county officials, newspaper offices, etc.

Inventories Filed. Maggie J. Stone, administratrix of the estate of John Spitzbarth, deceased, has filed in the Superior Court her inventory of the estate, which consists of \$5,704.52.

George H. Clark, James McEwan and W. S. Howe have filed their inventory and appraisal of the estate of Ferdinand S. Harkness, deceased, which consists of the east half of lot 2, V and W, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, valued at \$75, and the west half of lot 8, R and S, Eighth and Ninth streets, valued at \$625.

Nursery Status Entries. The entries to the State Agricultural Society's Nursery Status number upward of a hundred. All the prominent breeding farms and racing stables are represented.

Director Appointed. Governor Budd has appointed Thomas P. Woodward of San Francisco director for the California Home for the Feeble-Minded, vice Robert E. Poppe, term expired.

Fined Fifty Dollars. Justice Davis yesterday fined George Green \$50 for disturbing W. H. Bradley's interest in the property, by attaching the latter's challenge list and tearing it up.

Wants a Divorce. Rosa Lutz has commenced suit for divorce through C. A. Elliott, her attorney, against William H. Lutz, on the grounds of desertion and failure to provide.

In for the Winter. In the Police Court yesterday Johnny Rawles pleaded guilty to vagrancy and Justice Davis ordered him sent to jail for three months.

A Good Investment. \$696.66 for \$9. This is the amount the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California paid Captain Robert, on November 12th, guardian of the estate of "Dek" Wright, on his industrial insurance policy, which had only been in force six weeks.

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The large picture of "Easter Dawn" in Davis' window has been greatly admired. It is the work of Clara Belle Ogden of the Mayflower mine.

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