

WHAT ARE THE LAWYERS TO GET?

Pennish Wants the Matter Settled on the Record.

The Capital Gas Company Notified Not to Light the City Any Longer.

The regular weekly meeting of the City Board of Trustees was held last night. Trustees Lawton, Wachoster, Kent, Davis, Bragg, Devine, Tozer, Leonard and Pennish being present.

Kent said that there was an old couple named Quinn living at Twenty-second and K streets who are charged \$1 per month for water. He moved that the Collector be instructed to reduce it to fifty cents.

Devine said that the electric light men were going into private yards and trimming fruit trees without permission of the owners.

Lawton said that there is an ordinance on the subject and the men can be arrested and punished.

Devine said that the men were also being torn down in order to put up the poles.

Lawton said that he had an ordinance ready that would remedy the latter trouble.

L. T. Hatfield, for the Sacramento, Fair Oaks and Orangevale Railway Company, asked the board to advertise for bids for the franchise authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of a single or double track railway for street railway, freight or passenger traffic on that portion of the city between the intersection of V street and the south limit of the city.

Hatfield argued that the provisions would only operate in case the incline from the bridge to the street is not adopted, and should be adopted, so that if the company occupies part of the street, it should give an equal amount to the city.

Mr. Hart said that the inclines were for the benefit of the public, and not for the advantage of the railroad company.

After some discussion Kent moved to lay the matter over for a week, and the motion was carried.

A. M. Seymour appeared on behalf of property-owners on Tenth street, between C and G, and stated that they had filed an appeal with the Clerk from the action of the Superintendent of Streets in ordering the assessment for macadamizing the street.

The hearing of the appeal was set for a week from to-morrow night.

R. Platauer appeared for King, the contractor, in relation to the payment by the city for one quarter of the street crossings, claiming that he should be paid, as the work had been accepted by the Street Commissioner.

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Seymour said that the appeal was not for the purpose of interposing technicalities, but it denies that the work was done in accordance with the specifications, and the Street Superintendent had not adhered to them.

Devine said that there were many people in Sacramento who think they know how to build roads, and each has his own ideas. He thought the work was all right, and the contractor had to put on coarser stuff.

Leonard said that if that was the case he thought the matter should be investigated further and the citizens heard. He did not believe the city should pay its share until the matter was investigated.

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TWO LAND DECISIONS.

Several Sacramento Mine Owners Are Defeated.

A decision has been rendered in the United States Land Office of this district in the case of T. E. Reed and others, mineral contestants, vs. W. H. Lavallee and H. T. Kenton, intervenors.

The case involved the mineral or non-mineral character of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 26, township 12 north, range 8 east, embraced in a homestead entry made in October, 1886, by W. H. Lavallee and covered by mining location of protestants, known as the West End quartz mining claim.

The records show that the entire tract was returned as mineral in character on the official plat of the survey and that on October 10, 1885, A. J. Brown filed a homestead application, which was cancelled by the land office.

On May 1, 1895, T. E. Reed and others filed an affidavit of contest, alleging mineral character of so much of the land as was situated within the West End quartz mining claim, the greater portion of which is on the land in question and which claim was located by Lavallee on March 24, 1886.

They thereupon filed their homestead application, and that they derived their interest through him, prior to his making proof and entry, and had paid in full the purchase price of the land.

They also showed that five days after the date of Lavallee's commuted cash entry, he gave a bargain and sale deed of the land to H. T. Kenton.

The Receiver, in reply, stated that the land found that the mining work was confined almost exclusively to the west end of the claim, some 345 feet distant from the land in question.

They have also decided the contest of Susan Poor against the Central Pacific Railroad Company, involving the east half of the southeast quarter of section 11, township 11 north, range 10 east, in favor of the contestant.

Christopher Dumphy's Valise Found Broken Open Near the Home.

On Sunday there was found alongside the railroad track on G street, just beyond Thirty-first street, a large valise which had been broken open.

It contained a large quantity of clothing of a quality which would indicate that the owner was in good circumstances.

There were a good suit of clothes, a silk vest, fine new underclothes, white shirts, etc.

The valise is now in possession of Constable Rich at Oak Park, who hopes to ascertain the whereabouts of Dumphy.

Accommodating Criminals. Three of them Pleaded Guilty to the Crime of Burglary.

In Department Three of the Superior Court yesterday, Judge Catlin presiding in the absence of Judge Hinkson, John Forrest was arraigned on a charge of burglary.

Forrest is one of the men who stole a trunk on Front street some months ago, took it to the gold dust dive and divided the plunder.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge, and sentence was postponed until Friday.

F. McManus and L. Swan, the men who burglarized the residence of W. L. Bening some weeks since, were also arraigned.

McManus pleaded guilty to the charge, and sentence was postponed until Friday.

Thomas Vork and Thomas Doe were arrested by Officer Talbot last night for stealing a couple of bottles of wine from a saloon on Sixth street, between J and K.

To Enforce a Lien. J. J. Rhiner has commenced action in the Superior Court against Eva Metzger, Alexander Metzger, C. Swanson and George Swanson to enforce a mechanic's lien on lot 1, M and N, Twentieth and Twenty-first streets.

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