

STATE AGRICULTURAL BOARD

Its Annual Meeting Held in This City on Saturday.

Expert Flint Reports Secretary Smith's Books in Excellent Condition.

The Directors of the State Board of Agriculture held their annual meeting on Saturday, those present being President Chase and Directors Cox, Boggs, Matthews, Flickinger, De Long, Terry, Mackey and Land.

The annual report to the Governor, embracing a variety of subjects relating to the cause of agriculture, with many practical suggestions therein, was read, approved and ordered to print. It appears in to-day's "Record-Union."

The results of the year were quite satisfactory to the board, having shown a reduction of over \$7,000 in their indebtedness.

Hon. Frederick Cox, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the report of Expert Flint for the three fiscal years past. It is the result of a thorough examination of all books and accounts of the society, as kept by the Secretary, and found the same correct, with the exception of a few trifling errors. The expert reported the books neat, clean and excellently kept, that the system adopted is perfect, and no change could be suggested.

The accounts showed care and attention in their keeping, and considering the amount of business done in the short space of time allowed, the errors are but trifling.

During the entire three years' business, amounting to over \$300,000, the errors amounted to \$14 60, and these were in the Secretary's favor.

Reports from the Executive and other committees were passed upon. Governor Budd was an attentive listener during a part of the meeting, and assured the board of his hearty co-operation in making practical improvements to the Exposition building. He suggested the removal of the annex on Fifteenth and N streets, and said the Capitol Commissioners would no doubt act in harmony with the board in properly decorating the grounds extending along Fifteenth street.

Directors Terry, Land and Cox were appointed a special committee to look after the removal of the annex and additional improvements.

They were also empowered to dispose of the engine and boiler plant, it being the intention of the board to hereafter run everything by electricity.

Joseph Cairn Simpson was appointed proxy for the California State Board of Agriculture at the meeting of the National Trotting Association to be held in the city of New York on February 12th.

The board decided to postpone organization for the current year until Governor Budd had selected his appointees to fill certain vacancies occurring on the 1st of this month.

The principal business of the meeting being the consideration of the report for 1895, the board adjourned to the call of the Chair, for organization, at a future date.

HANGING IN THE CELLAR.

Joseph Schneider, a Well-Known Citizen, So Found by His Family.

Joseph Schneider, a well-known builder and contractor, was found hanging in his own cellar on Saturday evening about 6 o'clock.

He ate his breakfast with his family at his residence, No. 507 Eighteenth street, apparently in his usual good spirits and went up town to his work. His wife went up town in the afternoon about 4 o'clock, and as when she returned home he did not make his appearance, she began a search for him and he was found hanging in the cellar to one of the braces of the floor timbers. Dr. Fay was summoned and pronounced him dead, and Coroner Clark was notified and took charge of the body.

No cause can be assigned for the deed except temporary aberration of mind, as he left no message and his family have no idea why he should have done so, except that he has been subject to some kind of fits. He was considered a prosperous man and was doing a large business, having recently completed a number of fine houses and having a number of contracts on hand. He was about 46 years old.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

Last Saturday night at Turner Hall "The Other Club" had one of its regular dances. This club consists of young folks ranging from 8 to 14 years, and is under the management of Mrs. A. L. Hart, Mrs. Matt. F. Johnson, Mrs. Beckwith and Mrs. Oatman. A happier lot of boys and girls could not be found anywhere than those who took part last Saturday night. There were fully 125 present, and it was not until the clock struck 12 before the party broke up.

Mrs. H. L. Fogg of Oroville has sent out cards announcing the marriage of her daughter Minnie to J. B. Macdougall of Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Fogg was formerly a resident of this city, and her daughter is well known in California society circles. The marriage took place at the residence of N. D. Rideout in San Francisco on January 29th. The happy couple will reside in Seattle, the home of the bridegroom, and where the bride also has relatives. The honeymoon trip will be quite extended, taking in Yellowstone Park, the Eastern States and Europe.

At Chickering Hall last Saturday afternoon the regular semi-monthly recital of the Saturday Club was held, and the following programme was finely rendered: Reading, Mrs. F. L. Orcutt;

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Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

vocal solo, "To Sevilla." Mrs. J. H. Thompson; piano duo, "Don Juan, Op. 79." Miss Dierssen and Miss Gwin; vocal solo, "Heaven Hath Shed a Tear," Mrs. R. I. Bentley; violin obligato, H. Vanderhoof; piano solo, "Prelude, Op. 28, No. 15," Miss Barrett; vocal solo, "Cradle Song," Miss Wheat; violin solo (selected), H. Vanderhoof; vocal solo, "Orpheus With His Lute," Mr. E. E. Willis; piano solo, "Romance, Op. 13," Mrs. F. T. Van Fleet; vocal solo, "Call Me Back," J. A. Owens; piano duet, overture, "The Water Carriers," Mrs. Carrie Turrell and Miss Oatman; director, Mrs. William Skeels.

The Inter Nos Social Club gave a most enjoyable Leap Year party last Friday evening at the Union House. The hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns. About midnight all sat down to a thoroughly satisfying supper gotten up and served by the young ladies. When full justice had been done to the viands dancing was resumed and kept up until 4 o'clock. The Floor Committee were Miss Nita Watson, Mrs. W. W. Greer and Miss Jennie Rieth.

FOLSOM REBEKAS.

Installation of Fedora Lodge's New Officers on Saturday.

The officers of Fedora Rebekah, No. 106 of Folsom, were installed on Saturday evening by District Deputy Grand Master Miss Adele Krull, assisted by the installing staff of the district. Following are the officers installed: P. N. G. Miss Laura Hyman; N. G. May Hall; V. G. Irma R. Levy; R. S. Lena Bolton; F. S. Hattie Miller; Treasurer, Augusta Levy.

Following the installation ceremony P. N. G. Miss L. Hyman was presented with a handsome jewel on behalf of the lodge, after which all present repaired to the banquet hall, where the ladies had spread a most inviting banquet. The tables were decorated with smilax, calla lilies and violets, and presented a very pleasing sight.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Eugene Davis returned from Stockton last night.

Wm. Sims returned from McConnell's last night.

S. Selon Holl has gone to San Francisco on business.

Eugene Aiken and wife came up from the Bay last night.

Mrs. C. H. Joy is visiting Mrs. D. M. Burns in San Francisco.

F. T. Dwyer is registered at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco.

W. S. Leake was among the San Francisco arrivals last night.

J. Sullivan and C. B. Hill have gone to San Francisco for a few days.

Miss Bullock of Woodland is visiting here, the guest of Miss Leta Ross.

Miss May Clemens left yesterday for San Francisco, where she will visit friends for about a month.

Miss Estelle Biggs returned from Biggs' Station Saturday, having been on a visit to her relatives there.

John Gill, who is agent for the Armour Packing Company at Los Angeles, has returned to Sacramento for a short visit.

N. M. Fay, a former well-known farmer of this county, but for several years past a resident of Oakland, was in the city on Saturday.

Weather Notes.

The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 52 and 44 degrees, with fresh to gentle northerly winds and clear weather prevailing. The barometrical readings at 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. were 30.13 and 30.11 inches, respectively.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 60 and 42 degrees, and one year ago to-day 62 and 40 degrees.

The river is 25 feet 6 inches.

Moonlight Athletic Club.

The young men of the Riverside and Freeport roads have organized an athletic club with the following membership: D. Rocco, President; C. J. Larrabee, Secretary; M. E. Mento, Treasurer; F. Rocco, Manager; George Burke and H. Byrne. They held their first meeting last Friday night. They tried their gloves and named the club the Moonlight Athletic Club.

Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: Mrs. R. Jones, Nevada City; W. B. Sargent, Charles Aaron, New York; M. Lowenthal, Philadelphia; Charles B. Aiken, Cambridge; O. T. Swalts and wife, G. C. Heeman, M. F. Ashner, Thomas W. Sparrow, M. M. Dinkelspell, Bert L. Wertheimer, Fred Lincoln, San Francisco.

Last Night's Fire.

About midnight last night some women in a house in the alley between K, L, Seventh and Eighth streets, got to fighting and in the melee a lamp was upset and a small fire started.

The flames were extinguished before making it necessary for the fire engines to go into action.

A Cold Water Bath.

Yesterday afternoon Louis Robit-scheck and a companion went out to make repairs on the launch Cyrene, in the river, and when within five feet of the launch fell overboard. Had it not been for a rope which was tied to the launch, he might have been drowned. He caught the rope and held to it until rescued.

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A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

Engineer Vongoes Found in a Dying Condition at Fifth and I Streets.

Lives But a Few Hours After Taken to the Receiving Hospital—Death Due to Opium Poisoning.

E. C. Vongoes, a freight engineer running between here and Benicia, was found in a dying condition yesterday afternoon at Fifth and I streets, on the bank of China Slough.

A man named Richard Thompson came about 4 o'clock to the police station and stated that a man was at that place in an unconscious condition, apparently suffering from some sort of opium poisoning. The patrol wagon was sent up and Vongoes was removed to the Receiving Hospital. City Physician Nichols and his assistant, Dr. Ogden, were summoned and responded. They worked upon him faithfully for some hours, but the poison had evidently entered into his circulation during the several hours that he had been subjected to its influence before the police were notified.

When he was brought to the station a search of his clothing showed that he was a railroad man, he having a bunch of keys such as they use. He had also two receipts from Liberty Lodge, K. of P., of Oakland, showing that his dues were paid up to January 1st. He had also two Postoffice box receipts from that city and about \$1 50 in silver.

Thompson stated that he met Vongoes in company with Billy Brown, an opium fiend who is well known to the police, some time between 12 and 2 o'clock. Shortly afterwards Brown left him and Vongoes together and they went around to look at the broken fire engine and thence to Chinatown, where they took a room in a building. He noticed that Vongoes was sleepy and he became stupid, and as the Chinamen were going to put him out of the place, he took him over towards the bank of the slough and laid him down to recover, as he thought he was drunk. This was about 2 o'clock, and as Vongoes did not get better, he became alarmed and notified the police.

He had known Vongoes about two months and they generally ate supper together in Chinatown about 9 o'clock each evening. He had known him to take several "shots" about two months ago but had not known him to do so lately.

George Sprout, who is at present in jail, on a charge of vagrancy, on being shown Vongoes, at once declared that he had often seen him in Chinatown and that he called himself an engineer. When the conductor with whom Vongoes ran said that was impossible, Sprout declared that he had spoken the truth, and that if they would call one McIsaac he would identify him as having been given "shots" by him (McIsaac).

On the other hand, the conductor, with whom Vongoes was engineer, as well as the gang belonging to the train, and several other railroad men, declared positively that he never drank or smoked, was always on hand and attentive to duty and was a first-class man in his line of work and could not possibly be addicted to the use of the drug.

Vongoes' appearance bears out the statements of his brother employes, as he does not have at all the appearance of a victim of the habit.

Taken together, the case is wrapped in mystery, as the conflicting statements of the parties lead one to wonder whether or not the unfortunate man had been leading a dual life, his life at night being distinct and apart from his daily life.

Vongoes died about 9 o'clock last night. Some of his friends are firmly of the opinion that he was "doped" by some one for the purpose of robbery.

Brown and Thompson are detained at the police station as witnesses in the case, the being the nearest persons with him while he was alive. They believe the deceased came to his death from the use of liquor and opium at the same time, which is said to be a dangerous combination.

ABOUT RAZORS.

A Few "Pointers" Confided by a Barber.

Plate Glass and Petrified Wood He Thought Best for Hones—About Strops and Their Use.

It was a rainy day and the barber was in a talkative mood. He opened the conversation by apologizing for his razor, which seemed to pull. The customer replied, philosophically, that, as he usually shaved himself, he was used to a dull razor. That was enough for the barber, and he went on to unfold the art and mystery of managing a razor.

Some of his customers had occasional fits of economy and undertook to shave themselves. They usually came to him for a razor. As for himself, he never paid more than \$1 for a razor, and he as often as not got the kind of a razor he wanted for half a dollar. He found it impossible to be sure of a good razor from its price or from the name of the maker. What he did was to test the razor before buying, usually with his thumb nail. If the blade gave the proper sort of ring, an indefinable thing, indeed, he usually expected it to turn out a good article. He was sometimes disappointed in this, for the ring was not always to be depended upon. It sometimes happened that a razor turned out by a manufacturer of no great fame proved to be of excellent quality.

When his patrons came to him for razors and announced their intention to economize in the matter of shaving, he always welcomed them and cheerfully picked out a razor. He made no concealment of the fact that he charged them \$2 for a razor that cost him \$1. He believed it fair enough, and so did they. His knowledge and experience were worth something, and a dollar

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razor that he guaranteed was certainly worth \$2 to the ordinary uninformed person. The great advantage that his customers found in paying him \$2 for a \$1 razor was that, whereas the razor they bought from the manufacturer or dealer would not always be taken back, he himself would always take back a razor that was not satisfactory to the customer. Besides, the razor that cost him \$1 would cost the customer at least \$1 50. Then, too, the dollar razor must always be put in good order, and his charge for putting a razor in good condition was twenty-five cents, so that all things considered, the guaranteed \$1 razor at \$2 was a good enough bargain for the customer. The barber lost little or nothing by his customers' little fits of economy, for, between selling new razors and putting old ones in order, he got a good deal out of such customers in the course of a year. Nine men out of ten are quite incapable of keeping their own razors in order. Indeed, nine men out of ten should never attempt to strop a razor, for they usually make it worse rather than better. The simplest thing was to shave with a razor so long as it shaved well, and then, without trying to improve it, let the barber strop it a little when the customer needs to have his hair cut. The charge for this is a trifle or nothing, and the razor is not spoiled by awkward stropping. Every amateur should have a piece of chamois skin to keep his razor dry. The layman, so to speak, should never attempt to hone his razor. That is a thing for the professionals. As to the

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE County of Sacramento, State of California. In the matter of the estate of MARY E. HUMPHREY, formerly MARY E. HALE, deceased.

A. B. Humphrey, executor of the estate of said above named deceased, having filed his petition herein, duly verified, praying for an order to mortgage certain real estate of said decedent for the purpose therein set forth. It is therefore ordered by the said court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before the said Superior Court on FRIDAY, the 21st day of February, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the courtroom of said Superior Court, at the Courthouse in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, and State of California, then and there to show cause why the following real property, to wit, a tract of land situated in the County of Stanislaus, State of California, and described as follows, to wit: All of sections 24 and 25 and the east half of section 23, in township No. 4 south, range No. 13 east, Mount Diablo base and meridian; also, the west half of section 19, the west half of section 30, in township No. 4 south, of range No. 12 east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, and containing in the aggregate twenty-two hundred and twenty-five acres, more or less, together with the improvements thereon, excepting, however, the portion thereof heretofore conveyed to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, or some part thereof, should not be mortgaged for the amount mentioned in said petition, to wit, \$26,000, or such lesser amount as the court or judge may seem meet, to which petition all persons are hereby referred for further particulars.

Dated January 22d, 1896. J. B. JOHNSON, Judge of said Superior Court.

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