

TAX LEVY FIXED AT \$1.75.

BUT IT WILL RETIRE \$65,000 OF 1850 BONDS.

The Real Tax to be Paid Will Not be Greater Than Last Year.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday received from Auditor Cohn his annual report showing the financial condition of the county and its estimated revenue required for the year 1897.

Auditor Cohn's estimate of the required tax levy was \$1.45. Special school tax for the city, 30 cents, making \$1.75. To the \$1.45 for the county, outside the city, was to be added whatever sum the board might fix for the road tax. Special school taxes are also to be raised in several districts. Following is the report of the Auditor:

AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Sacramento, Sept. 20, 1897. To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento: In accordance with the provisions of Section 3737 of the Political Code, I herewith submit my annual statement, showing:

First—The indebtedness of the county, funded and floating, the amount of each class, and the rate of interest borne by each class of such indebtedness, or any part thereof.

Second—A concise description of all property owned by the county, with an approximate estimate of the value thereof, and of the amount of cash in the County Treasury subject to the payment of indebtedness.

Third—The rate of taxation for county purposes as shown by the last levy made by your board.

Fourth—The assessed value of all property in detail for the year 1897.

FUNDED DEBT.

The funded debt of the county is as follows:

Table with columns: Bonds, Due, Amt. Out., Per Annual, Standing, Cent. Interest.

Totals \$495,000 \$22,500

You will observe by the foregoing that the bonds of 1850, amounting to \$65,500, and bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent, fall due in February, 1898, and your board will have to take action either in issuing new bonds or raising sufficient revenue to cancel the old ones.

I would suggest that on account of the high rate of interest paid that the bonds of 1850 be cancelled, thereby reducing the bonded indebtedness to \$430,500.

The indebtedness of the county has been decreased during the year 1896 to the amount of \$495,000, being a reduction of \$42,000 from the previous year. At this rate the county will be free from debt in less than twelve years.

FLOATING DEBT.

The floating debt consists of warrants outstanding and coupons unpaid as follows:

Table with columns: General fund warrants, Hospital fund warrants, Road fund warrants, School fund warrants, Bonds of 1850 coupons.

COUNTY PROPERTY.

The property owned by the county and its approximate value is as follows:

Table with columns: Courthouse and Jail, Hall of Records, Hospital and Farm, Total.

CASH ON HAND.

The cash in the County Treasury and apportioned to the several funds September 1, 1897, is as follows:

Table with columns: To State fund, To General fund, To Hospital fund, To School fund, To Road fund, To Bonds of 1850 fund, To Bonds of 1882 fund, To Bonds of 1883 fund, To Bonds of 1885 fund, To Salary fund, To Swamp and Overflowed Land fund, To Law Library fund, To Unappropriated fund.

TAX RATE OF 1896.

The rate of taxation for State and county purposes for the year 1896 was as follows:

Table with columns: State fund, General fund, Hospital fund, School fund, Bonds of 1850 fund, Bonds of 1882 fund, Bonds of 1883 fund, Bonds of 1885 fund.

VALUATION OF TAX ROLL FOR 1897.

The assessed valuation of the county for the year 1897, as shown by the assessment roll, is:

Table with columns: City roll, County roll, Total.

REVENUES REQUIRED.

The revenues required for the year are as follows: For the general fund a sufficient revenue must be raised to meet the current expenses and to provide for any contemplated improvements.

HOSPITAL FUND.

The amount of \$42,000 will be needed to meet the requirements of the County Hospital and drugs for the City Dispensary for the ensuing year.

COUNTY SCHOOLS.

The schools of Sacramento County will require for their support \$51,248, as per report of the County Superintendent of Schools, filed with me in compliance of Section 1817, Subdivision 2, of the Political Code. You are required to levy a tax sufficient to provide \$6 for each census child. There are 8,558 census children between the ages of 5 and 17 years in the county.

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAXES.

An unusually large number of special school taxes are to be levied this year. You are called upon to levy special school taxes as follows: Union High School District, composed of Alabama, Davis, Elk Grove, Enterprise, Excelsior, Florin, Franklin, Jackson, Lee, Point Pleasant, Union, San Joaquin, Hicksville, Pleasant Grove, Reese and Victory Districts. The assessed value of property in these school districts as shown by the assessment roll is \$2,316,000. The amount required to be raised is \$1,800, and the rate necessary to raise said amount is eight cents on each \$100.

For Union School District \$450 is required. The assessed value of property in said district is \$114,728, and the amount of tax to raise \$450 is forty cents on each \$100.

For Victory School District \$1,400 is required for building and furnishing school. The assessed value of property is \$89,505, and the amount of tax to raise said sum is \$1.60 on each \$100, but the law states that no tax exceeding seventy cents for building and thirty cents for furnishing purposes can be levied. After consulting with the County Superintendent of Schools, we recommend that a rate of \$1 on each \$100 be levied for building purposes.

For Andrus School District \$1,000 is needed for building and furnishing school. The assessed value of property in said district is \$126,945, and the amount of tax required to raise \$1,000 is eighty cents on each \$100.

For Granite School District \$1,500 is to be raised for building purposes. The assessed value of property is \$380,000, and the tax will amount to forty cents on each \$100.

For Goldberg District \$1,200 is required for building and furnishing school. The school district is assessed for \$224,226, and the amount of tax is sixty cents on each \$100.

For Capital School District \$2,500 is needed for building and furnishing purposes. The assessed value of property is \$312,408, and the amount of tax required to be raised is eighty cents on each \$100.

CITY SCHOOLS.

The City Board of Education ask for the sum of \$51,550 for the support of the city schools, and the tax rate necessary to raise said sum is thirty-three cents on each \$100.

ROAD TAX.

Your board must fix the rate of tax for road purposes in accordance with contemplated improvements and the amount of work deemed necessary to be done.

The amount of license tax collections for the past year was \$47,735, but present indications are that it will be less this year.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Many needed improvements have been made to the Courthouse during the past year, such as the building of new tanks in the jail, building a dispensary and an addition for the insane, also furnishing and painting county offices.

Notwithstanding the large amount spent in repairing the Courthouse, little good is accomplished, as it is very apparent that the offices are entirely too small and out of date to properly accommodate the increasing business of the county. It is a good time now, while the funded indebtedness is low, to discuss the question of a new Courthouse, as it will take some time to bring the matter properly before the public. The county is judged by its public buildings, and if it does not improve its cannot be expected that the citizens thereof will build or improve their property.

I desire to suggest that your honorable board separate the offices of Auditor and Recorder. The offices were consolidated many years ago, when the duties were not as great as now. The work in the Recorder's office has greatly increased during the last few years on account of the cutting up of many large tracts of land into smaller parcels.

The duties of the County Auditor have multiplied to such an extent that the work in the Recorder's department has to be delayed in order to perform the Auditor's duties.

At each session of the Legislature more labor is put upon the shoulders of the County Auditor and also on the Recorder. The County of Sacramento is large enough and wealthy enough to have separate officials for each office, the former counties with lower amounts of taxable property the offices are not consolidated.

I believe your honorable board realizes the fact that the duties of the Auditor are very laborious, and that better service could be performed by having the offices separate. On account of the increase of the State rate of 8 cents more than the rate of 1896 and the deduction of 10 per cent from the assessment rolls of 1897 it will be necessary to raise the rate for State and county purposes. Respectfully submitted, R. T. COHN, Auditor of the County of Sacramento.

FIXING THE TAX LEVY.

The board proceeded to fix the tax levy, with the following result, which accords with the Auditor's estimate:

Table with columns: State fund, General fund, Hospital fund, School fund, Bonds of 1850 fund, Bonds of 1882 fund, Bonds of 1883 fund, Bonds of 1885 fund, Total tax.

Supervisor Morrison called attention to the fact that owing to the lowering of the tax rate higher rate than last year for road purposes would be required in order to raise the necessary funds for road work.

On motion of Supervisor Curtis, the rate was fixed at 35 cents on each \$100. This made the county rate the same as that of the city—\$1.75 on each \$100.

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAXES.

For special school purposes in country districts the following levies were made on each \$100:

For the Union High School District (Elk Grove school), 8 cents.

For Victory School District, 40 cents.

For Andrus Island School District, \$1.

For Granite School District, 40 cents.

For Goldberg School District, 60 cents.

For Capital School District, 70 cents—\$9 for building and 10 cents for furniture.

County Assessor Berkeley addressed the board in favor of striking off the levy the 23 cents included for the redemption of the bonds of 1850. Money is cheaper now, he said, and it would

better to refund that debt than to pay it off next year. The lessening of the levy 23 cents on each \$100 would be greatly appreciated by the people. Supervisor Dremann agreed with Mr. Berkeley, and moved that the 23 cents referred to be taken off the levy. Supervisor Curtis was of the same way of thinking, and favored the elimination of the bond redemption tax. Supervisor Morrison strenuously opposed the motion. The bonds will fall due in February next, and he did not believe in refunding the \$65,500 and renewing the debt. This is a good time to pay it off. Most people do not believe in keeping up a bonded indebtedness. He was one of those who do not believe in entangling debts on his children. Last year's tax was not heavy, and though the levy just made is a little higher, the real tax to be paid will be little if any greater than was paid last year. The county tax this year is on but \$13,900,000. The roll is low, the year has been a prosperous one, and now is a good time to get rid of some of our debt. The best time to pay a debt is when you can do it. Hay, grain, beef, wool and all the things that farmers have to sell may not bring such good prices next year. He had gone over the list carefully with the Auditor and had omitted many items in the way of improvements in order to keep the tax rate down so that these bonds might be paid off. Chairman Jenkins said he had voted for the 23 cents, so had all the members of the board, but he had come to the conclusion that it would be better to refund at this time. The season had been a prosperous one, to be sure, but it might not be so next year. Many of his constituents had asked him to try and keep down the tax levy, and he should give up the 23 cents. Supervisor Morrison called attention to the fact that the county roll had been reduced, but it would never be done again. The roll is low, the State rate is now less than it will be again in many years, and while the people will be paying off this \$65,000 incumber it will not cost them a cent more in taxes than they paid last year. Now, he said, when money is more plentiful and the farmers are having the benefit of less taxes than usual, is the opportunity to wipe out a portion of the county's debt. Do this, and the very persons who now oppose it will bless you a year from now. A bonded debt is a mortgage on every farm and household in the county, and these public mortgages should be removed as rapidly as possible. The roll was called and Curtis, Dremann and Jenkins voted to strike off the 23 cents, Morrison and McLaughlin only voting to retain it. This action reduced the tax levy from \$1.75 on each \$100 to \$1.52. AGAIN RECONSIDERED. County Treasurer Greenlaw here came into the room and informed the board that under the law they are required to pay off a certain portion of the indebtedness this year. The amount required is about \$35,000. If the board decides not to refund, they must pay off about half that amount of 4 1/2 per cent bonds. This matter had been fully considered in making up the estimates, and it was deemed better to let the others go and pay off the \$65,000 of 6 per cent bonds. The difference, said Mr. Greenlaw, would be only six cents on the \$100, as the board is a mortgagee in its action, and this time Chairman Jenkins voted with Messrs. Morrison and McLaughlin. Mr. Jenkins said that Treasurer Greenlaw's explanation had given him new light on the subject, and if they would save only six cents on the tax levy he believed it better to pay off the \$65,000 of high interest bonds than \$35,000 of bonds bearing low interest. After appointing the railroad mileage among the road and school districts for local taxation purposes, the board adjourned.

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SHOULD BE CAUGHT.

A Beast Who Goes About the Streets Insulting Women. Indignant citizens in the southern part of the city are looking out for a beast in human form who has been insulting women. Several complaints have been made within the last week or two by women whom he has accosted in an insulting manner and with indecent actions. Night before last, as two women, with their children, were going along the street at Fifteenth and O streets, this fellow, who was walking beside his wheel near the sidewalk, accosted them in the most insulting manner. One of them pluckily started for him and he ran away, when she pursued him and had nearly caught him when she tripped and fell. She says if she could have got her hands on him she would have left her mark on his face. The other woman called for the police and was heard by some men, but they did not pay sufficient attention until too late to keep him from escaping. The women describe him as of medium height, rather slight in build and dressed in dark clothes.

Smashed the Wheel.

The horse of Expressman Barber got away yesterday while unhitched, and collided with a buggy containing a woman at Thirteenth and J streets, smashing the vehicle and the woman, whose name was not learned, escaped unhurt.

Should Be Looked Into.

You cannot pay too much attention to your eyes. If you have headache, eyeache, or a bright light bothers you, have your eyes examined by F. C. Chinn. He makes an exclusive specialty of difficult cases, especially school children, 702 K st., opp. P. O.

The People Are Talking About.

The beautiful tone, and exquisite case of Emerson pianos, now the most popular piano sold. See them at Pommer's Music Store, Ninth and J.

Patrolize houses that close at 6 o'clock.

Here are some who have lately had their buggies equipped with rubber tires by A. Meister & Sons, 910-914 Ninth street. George Clark, Frank Wright, Curtis, Carmichael & Brand, W. A. Washburn, A. A. Van Voorhies, Jacob Grubler, A. H. Anderson. Get in line and have a comfortable ride.

McMorris sells groceries. Agent for Coronado water and Stockton sarsaparilla and iron. 531 M street.

Dr. Weidon, 806 J street, extracts teeth without pain; local anesthetic.

quarter of the northeast quarter, section 33, township 7 north, range 6 east. A. Burnett et ux to William Gotcher—North 50 feet of lot 1, P and Q and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, to correct error in former deed. William Curtis et ux to William Lohmeyer and Rosie Lohmeyer—South 83 feet of north 96 feet of lot 13, Oak Grove tract.

To Visit the Cosumnes.

All the members of the Board of Supervisors and County Surveyor Boyd will leave the city at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning for the Slough House on the Cosumnes River. The purpose of the visit is to examine the Live Oak bridge.

Calling Him Out.

In our advertising columns this morning will be found an open letter to General L. Tozer, signed by a number of business men, asking him to become a candidate for Mayor at the coming municipal election.

To Smokers of Good Cigars.

Certain dealers having imitated our popular brand of La Rosa de Habana cigars, we take this method of informing the public that for the present all genuine La Rosa de Habana cigars will have stamped on the boxes, "None genuine without my signature." All future shipments will be called "La Rosa de Genshea," which words will be printed on each band. J. G. Genshea, 628 J street.

Cherub Pictures Free.

A beautiful colored cardboard picture without advertising matter will be given to those returning five one-pound wrappers from Cherub Tea or Coffee, or both.

Eight bars Royal Savon, 25c; pure jam, 10c jar; pure lard, 30c pan; Purely soa, 50c lb. Beesley & Son, 616 and 518 J street.

For a nice cold lunch or hot tamale go to El Dorado Saloon and family resort, 826 J and 1008 Ninth.

Wire your house. Get prices electric fixtures. Tom Scott, plumber, 303 J.

Try McMorris's Blend Coffee, 25c.

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

THEY WILL FURNISH NO MORE CLAIM BLANKS.

Pay-Roll of the State Printing Office Will be Allowed at Regular Meetings.

The State Board of Examiners held a meeting yesterday afternoon. Secretary of State Brown and Secretary Markley being present. Heretofore the board has printed and furnished different individuals and institutions with blanks on which to make their claims against the State, but it instructed Secretary Markley yesterday to notify all such parties that it will do so no longer, as there is no law requiring it to do so. It will furnish a blank to each one who can have his own printing of blanks done for himself.

There is trouble between the Board of Managers of the Mendocino State Hospital and the Medical Superintendent, E. W. King, and on the monthly bills salary has been regularly disallowed several months passed, although the board virtually recognizes him as Superintendent, allowing him to make out and certify all claims presented to the Board of Examiners and to attend to their duties.

Senator Preston appeared before the board to see if his name had been attached to a claim presented by the Superintendent Bank of the Preston School, asking for money claimed to be due in lieu of vacations not taken by himself and employees during the past year, amounting in all to \$47,000. It was the property of the Board of Trustees, but Mr. Preston opposed it.

Mr. Preston was told that the Board of Examiners had refused to allow the claim on the grounds that it was not a legal charge against the State; that that they had a mortgage on every farm and household in the county, and the claim was not sworn to and appeared to embrace three fiscal years.

The board allowed the pay-roll of the State Printing Office, and announced that it would do so hereafter at the regular meetings of the board, every two weeks.

SCHOOLS OPENED.

The Overcrowded Condition of the High School.

The schools of the city opened for the year yesterday morning, and there was a full attendance at each. As Trust Officer Dole commenced his duties yesterday, it is anticipated that the attendance this year will be much increased.

Any one who doubts that a new High School building is badly needed in this city should have been at the opening of the High School yesterday morning to see over 325 pupils entering the building to take their places in the different classes.

Last year the attendance was so great that the Board of Education was obliged to hire rooms outside of the school and in the next block in order to accommodate the great number of pupils applying for admission. This year it will be worse. In addition to the large number of pupils already in the school there are the graduates of the various grammar schools, which is large, besides country pupils who have applied for admissions, paying for it. The school will be very much crowded, even with the annex, and as the coming week will probably see thirty to forty more pupils take their places in the various classes it is barely possible to get along now with those who are already there. There is an unusually large number of boys this year, the boys being about equal in number to the girls, which is an unusual thing, showing that the boys are awake to the advantage given them in life by a high school education.

Last year the City Board of Education requested the Board of City Trustees to submit the question of leasing a new high school building to the people, but it was opposed by some of the members and was never submitted as was asked. Unless it is done within the next year or so it will be a short time before it will be utterly impossible to accommodate the pupils that apply for admission. Investigation has shown that there are a large number of small towns with less than one-fourth the population of this city that far excel it in the beauty and accommodations of their high school buildings.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transactions have been recorded since our last report:

A. B. C. Nubbaum to Margaret Theiss as guardian of Henry and Charles Theiss—Lots 7 and 8, C and D and Tenth and Eleventh streets.

John Schofield to Mary E. Schofield—East half of southwest quarter of section 6, township 7 north, range 6 east; \$1,200.

H. E. Yardley to Charles E. Wright—All interest in Sacramento City derived through deeds from Helan A., Edward N. and Allan D. Grant.

Charles Quiggle et al., by commission, to G. C. Simmons—North half of west half of lot 4, M and N and Nineteenth and Twentieth streets; \$1,100.

Martha J. Garrett to Theodore Pochman et ux—South quarter of lot 1, and south quarter of west 70 feet of lot 2, U and V and Ninth and Tenth streets.

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DRESS GOODS.

28-Inch All Wool Assabet Suitings, in plain colors and mixtures, mixtures and chevrons. 25c a yard.

40-Inch All Wool Fancy Suitings in two-tone effects. A wide range of plain fabrics also. Price, 50c a yard.

42 to 46-Inch All Wool Novelties in mixtures, stripes and plaids, all the newest colorings for the season. Price, 75c, 85c and \$1 a yard.

SILKS.

Fancy Plaid Saris Silks, 22 inches wide, exquisite colorings. 50c a yard.

Beautiful Plaid Taffeta and Satin Silks, 22 inches wide, suitable for Shirt Waists, Fancy Brocaded Silks suitable for Fancy Waists in the newest colorings, bought under value will be sold at \$1 a yard.

High Art Novelty Plaid and Rombs striped Silks in the newest effects. \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 a yard.

B. WILSON & CO.,

N. E. cor. Sixth and J Sts.

NEW TO-DAY.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 18, 1897.

Hon. L. Tozer, Sacramento, Cal.—Dear Sir: Believing that every citizen owes it to the community which he resides in to do a fair amount of time for the benefit of such community, and having observed your course among us as a business man and as a public official, and realizing your interest in public affairs, we believe we would not be asking too much of you to ask you to continue in the public service for a still longer period of time. Therefore, we, the undersigned, respectfully request you to become a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Sacramento, to be voted for at the next city election, and we trust you will give the matter prompt and favorable consideration. Respectfully,

W. A. Curtis, Stanton, Thompson, Henderson, & Co.,

W. F. Knox, Edward S. Kilgore, C. C. Wood, Katzenstein & Co., Wm. Land, Chauncey H. Dunn, E. E. Burnham, A. Cooper, The A. S. Hopkins & A. Van Voorhies, Company, J. E. Terry,

J. E. Simon, P. C. Drescher, J. H. Meister, Ellis Kilgore, O. P. Willis, W. E. Katzenstein, G. C. Simmons, W. E. Geber, D. A. Lindley, Kirk, Geary & Co., F. Brueser, George M. Mott, C. Suter,

L. B. Richardson, P. S. Lawson, S. L. Richards, H. G. Smith, G. S. Pinnney, H. G. Hatfield, L. L. Lewis, D. McKay, It

Notice of Assignee's Sale of Bar Room Stock and Fixtures.

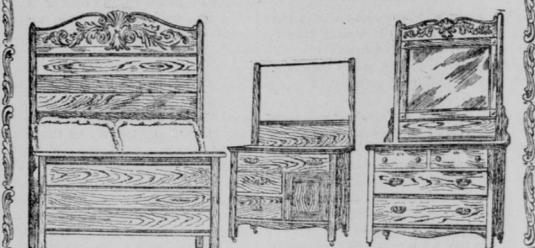
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, assignee of the estate of Leo Fischer, an insolvent of time, that I will on Monday, the 27th day of September, 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., in front of the Sheriff's office at the County of Sacramento, sell at public auction for cash the following personal property belonging to the estate of said insolvent, to-wit: One cash register, 1 large bar mirror, 2,400 chairs, miscellaneous lot of liquors, including rum, wine, brandy, sypm, kummel, whisky, cognac, bottles, ginger ale, sarsaparilla, soda, etc.; also a lot of bar glassware, spoons, tables, chairs, desk, clock, pictures, etc., being the stock and fixtures of the bar room of the Hotel Hotel Saloon. D. J. SIMMONS & CO., Assignee.

GET YOUR SEATS NOW.

For the great Bicycle meet of September 21st. Auctioneers: E. W. Wheelman, Plans at Engle's, Seventh and J, and Lebling & Canfield's, Fifth and K sts 17

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Solid Oak Bedroom Set