

HAD A VERY BUSY SESSION.

SEVERAL MATTERS UP BEFORE THE SUPERVISORS.

Pay of Surveyor's Assistants Reduced—Action on Road and Bridge Matters.

All the members of the Board of Supervisors were present at yesterday's session, and they had no waste, for there was lots of business on hand.

District Attorney Ryan was present and read the law in regard to the issuance of bonds. He said the proclamation calling for the Polson road election called for twenty-year bonds, and also that the board might provide for their payment in ten years. It would now be necessary for the board to provide by an ordinance for the payment of the bonds.

Supervisor Morrison said he understood the bonds could be sold in open bond, each bidder making his own bid. He believed that the board, by selling in open bond, would get the highest price for them. He thought, too, that all private parties bidding should be required to put up bonds to take them if they were the successful bidders.

It was decided that the District Attorney should prepare the ordinance and the board would meet on the 20th to consider it.

FIXING A LEVEE ROAD.

A. A. Merkeley appeared before the board in regard to the road on the levee between Y street and Sutterville, which has a number of holes in it that need repairing badly. He thought it could be done for \$25 from Flint's place up. As the road is much used in winter by the river residents it should be fixed, if possible, before the river rises.

Supervisor Curtis was authorized to expend \$25 on that portion of the road.

GRAND ISLAND ROAD.

I. G. Hall asked the board for authority to open the road across Grand Island that was some time ago declared a public highway. The crops are off the ground now, he said, and it can be opened at less expense now than at any other time.

SURVEYOR'S WORK.

County Surveyor Boyd addressed the board in relation to several bills, amounting to \$281 55, incurred under his direction.

Chairman Jenkins said it was the District Attorney's opinion that the County Surveyor had no authority to employ assistance on his work without direction of the board, as he is now receiving a stated salary.

Mr. Boyd asked the board to authorize him to take work away from the Surveyor and then telling him that he cannot employ the necessary assistance to do the work. He did not think it was fair to his office to have bills presented for six months, when they could have been either accepted or rejected at the first meeting.

LIVE OAK BRIDGE.

The Chairman asked what the board wished to do with the demand for extra work on the Live Oak bridge, which he knew nothing about. The other members said they had received a telephone message from the foreman in charge of the work on the bridge, saying that one of the piers was in bad condition and getting worse, and that he did not wish to go on with the work until it was fixed. He wanted them to come out and look at it, and explained that it would necessitate an expenditure of \$310, and they had told him to go on and do the necessary work, as they would be unable to come out.

THE SURVEYOR AGAIN.

At the afternoon session Supervisor McLaughlin moved that County Surveyor Boyd be allowed two assistants, when the work in his office demands it, one to receive \$3 and the other \$2 50 per day, the Surveyor to report monthly to the board the amount and character of the work done.

work done by the Assistant Engineer when Mr. Boyd was otherwise engaged, and said it did not seem fair to cut the assistant per diem down to \$3, when a thoroughly competent engineer was employed to look after important work on the order of the board.

Supervisor Boyd made an explanation of the work done by his department of late, the larger portion of which he said was office work. The character of work ordered by the board has been of a very important nature, requiring a vast amount of office work to be carried on, while someone was abroad on field work that required a great deal of time outside, beside the calculations conducted in the office.

THE BRIDGE COMPLETED.

Clerk Hamilton read a communication from the Superintendent of the Johnson Bridge Company informing the board that the Live Oak bridge repairs had been completed, and he desired the board would inspect it on Sunday, the 12th, as he desired to return to San Francisco on Monday.

On motion of Supervisor Morrison, it was decided that three members of the board and the County Surveyor should visit and examine the work.

ASSESSOR'S NEEDS.

County Assessor Berkey appeared before the board and exhibited his office map of the school districts, which is in a very satisfactory condition. A new map, he said, was required—one of the same kind in use—with the necessary changes in the lines of the school districts. The purchase price of the map is \$6.

Supervisor Morrison moved that a map be procured, and that the County Surveyor make the necessary changes in the school districts.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Berkey also brought up the matter of the country map book required in assessing country property, the necessity and uses of which he explained to the board.

Supervisor Morrison said he realized the necessity for the map bookasked for by the Assessor, and on the suggestion of Supervisor Curtis he was inclined to bid for the preparation of such a book.

Mr. Berkey said the District Attorney had given the opinion that under the law there is but one person entitled to draw the pay for such work, and that is the County Surveyor. He (Berkey) could make the book, in a way, but there are no surveys that should be made in order to make the book correct, and the Surveyor is best equipped for the work. He would not like to take work away from the Surveyor and then have to go to him for data necessary to do it.

County Surveyor Boyd, said Mr. Berkey had discovered some 400 acres of land in his district that had never been assessed because not surveyed nor included in the valuation book. Next year that property will be assessed at \$100 an acre. The book should be absolutely correct, and no one can do the work so well as County Surveyor Boyd.

Mr. Boyd asked the board to authorize him to make a survey of the land, and the Surveyor is best equipped for the work. He would not like to take work away from the Surveyor and then have to go to him for data necessary to do it.

In order to settle the matter, Supervisor Morrison moved that the Surveyor be directed to make the book asked for by the Assessor.

Supervisor McLaughlin said he would vote against the motion unless the District Attorney should say that under the law the Surveyor is not required to make such a book, in addition to the \$800 allowed for the book book.

The District Attorney being absent, the motion was withdrawn until the next meeting of the board, on the 20th inst.

OTHER MATTERS.

Bids for supplies for the County Hospital were ordered advertised. The notice will appear in the "Record-Union."

On motion of Supervisor Morrison, the County Surveyor was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the bridge needed over Dry Creek, near the Bandeen place.

Mr. Morrison again brought up the matter of requesting the County Auditor to furnish the board a monthly statement of the condition of the county funds, in compliance with the provisions of what is known as the One-twelfth Act.

It was ordered that the request be made of the Auditor.

Mr. Leimbach asked the board to order repairs to the bridge over the low place on the upper Stockton road, near the Lake House. The bridge, he said, should be lengthened, as it is almost impossible for loaded wagons to get to it. The water runs out and around the bridge.

THE KINDERGARTEN WORK.

VIEWS OF A TEACHER ON THE SUBJECT.

She Holds That Kindergarten Training Aids the Pupils in Their Primary Work.

Concerning the discussion that has lately been going on relative to the value of kindergarten training for very young children, Mrs. Clara Parsons, principal of the Capital Primary School, in an interview with a "Record-Union" reporter, said:

"From my personal observation of the work in the kindergarten, it seems to me, if children are kept in the kindergarten for a sufficient length of time to receive a thorough training under good instructors, it must greatly aid the primary teacher.

"The children who have handled objects, observed them and talked about them, ought to have stored up a vast number of concepts which lays the very foundation of reading; they feel that children trained in the kindergarten should take to reading with much less effort on the part of the teacher than those not so trained.

"They should observe differences and similarities in words, much more readily, grasp the association of words with their corresponding objects, and express their thoughts in much clearer, better language than those not having had the training.

"As to the aid in number which the training gives, I should think the previous work with objects, in which they have incidentally become acquainted with number would pave the way for the primary teacher.

"Writing, at its best, is a difficult branch to deal with. Why? Because the child fails first to see for himself, his hands without having been previously trained, fails to produce the form which he may have in mind.

"Now these two principal difficulties ought to be partially overcome with children previously trained in the kindergarten.

"In my visits to the kindergarten room, I have noticed they have been taught to observe form, and their hands have been trained in various ways to reproduce form.

"I have heard teachers say that the children from the kindergarten were inclined to be more restless and difficult to govern than children who come directly from home.

"If this be true, then there is something wrong somewhere. Either the kindergarten training has given them too much liberty, or the primary teachers' discipline is arbitrary.

"I do not believe the few primary teachers understand the true spirit of the kindergarten.

"The kindergarten certainly recognizes that the child has a threefold nature and strives to educate it.

"The body is developed by happy, wholesome play, marching, singing, etc.

"The mind is developed by the gifts and occupations.

"The soul is developed by constant exercise in right doing, thereby making them helpful, kind, considerate and unselfish.

"The best educators, ancient and modern, agree that the forming of character is the end and aim of a true education, and I believe some of our teachers to-day are beginning to put this thought in daily use.

"In the ideal school, and the new education demands it, the child works with his hands and with his head, not for the sake of what hands can do and heads can know, but for the sake of the character developed by these means.

and a score of other crackjacks in the list, the coursing to-day at Agricultural Park should be well worth seeing. The sport will begin at 10 o'clock promptly.

City Finances.

Following is the report of City Auditor Young for the week ending Saturday, December 11th:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes C. G. Robertson, water rates, Taps, City licenses, Dog licenses, Cemetery dues, Miscellaneous receipts, E. C. Rutherford, Police Court fines fund, School fund, Library fund, Street fund, Sprinkling fund, Sewer fund, Bond redemption fund, Sewer bond, Unappropriated, Total.

Death of Mrs. Daniel Brown.

The death is announced of Catharine, widow of the late Daniel Brown. Mrs. Brown had lived long in this community and leaves a wide circle of friends and many relatives to mourn her loss.

Stolen Tools Recovered.

Officer Taylor yesterday recovered from a down-town second-hand store a number of carpenter's tools, consisting of saws, bits, chisels, hammers, etc., which were recently stolen from Arthur Daly.

Penitent Peters.

In the Police Court yesterday Frank Peters was found guilty of creating a disturbance in a Chinese restaurant, and was fined \$5, with the alternative of spending five days in the City Prison.

Cigar Store at Auction.

The entire stock and fixtures of Leonard & Co.'s cigar store at Fourth and K streets will be sold at auction on Monday, the 13th, at 10 a. m., by Bell & Co.

Caught a Barn Thief.

Homer McKee yesterday arrested A. W. Ryan, one of the hobo fraternity, for stealing a block and tackle from the barn of E. H. McKee at 420 P street.

Breach of Promise.

"Has that young man proposed yet whose face Julia saw in the mirror when she went down cellar backward Halloween night?"

Overbalanced.

"What an exquisitely lovely complexion that Miss Flutterby has. It is like the heart of a blush rose."

John Hyman of Loogotee, Ind., is proud of his calling, which is that of a cooper.

He has had carved for his monument a marble barrel, with a keg on it, and the barrel bears these words: "A Cooper by Trade."

A good-humored lawyer often makes a cross-examination.

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Yule Tide China

Just now the china store is probably the most interesting place in this whole establishment. It possesses a potent attraction for all lovers of the artistic and beautiful in its marvelous display of Yule Tide gift-ware.

China cream pitchers, in dainty styles and assorted shapes, 15 cts, 20 cts, 25 cts, 35 cts, 45 cts, 55 cts and \$1.00.

China mustards, 20, 25 and 35 cents.

China toothpick holders, 10, 15, 25 and 30 cents.

China pin trays, 50 and 75 cents.

China olive dishes, 25, 35, 40 and 50 cents.

China celery trays, 65 cts, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

China mugs, 10 cents.

China shaving mugs, 15 cents.

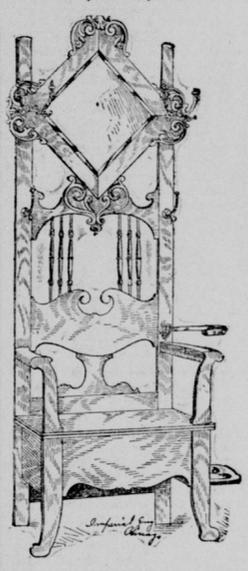
China bonbons, 25 cents.

China plates, 10, 15, 20 cents, and up.

Yule Tide Hat Trees

Handsome decorated semi-porcelain tea sets, consisting of 14 pieces for 12 persons.

Floral decorations in blue or brown. Price, \$3.95 for the complete set.



Yule Tide Hat Trees

Rather large to put in a stocking, but a superb gift nevertheless.

This hat tree is made of quarter sawed oak, with antique finish. Highly polished. Brass trimmings and box seat. Has French beveled mirror 14 by 14 inches. Height 6 feet 6 inches; width 3 feet. Price, \$15.

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Our aim is to give you an extensive choice at the lowest fair price. Extra large sterling silver hair brushes, with good bristles set in celluloid, \$6.

Stortoise shell comb, with sterling silver back, \$1.00.

Hat brushes, with sterling silver back, \$1.25.

Clothes brushes, with sterling silver back, \$5.

Military clothes brush, very popular for gentlemen's traveling bag, \$4.75.

Five o'clock teaspoons, sterling silver, "Colonial" pattern, handsome new beaded design, 75 cents each.

Tea bells, sterling silver handles and steel bell, \$1.25.

Sterling silver napkin rings, \$1.75 and \$2.25.

Yule Tide Fruit Dishes

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BELL & CO., Auctioneers, Office 1016 Fourth street. T. H. Clark, Proprietor.

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