

LADIES' ANNEX.

An Important Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

By-Laws Adopted and Permanent Officers Elected.

A Large Addition to the List of Members.

Contributions to the Permanent Exhibit Yesterday—A Sample of the Good Work Already Accomplished.

A meeting of the Ladies' Annex of the Chamber of Commerce took place yesterday afternoon. There were about seventy-five ladies present. After the reading of the minutes the committee on membership made its report and the following were elected members of the annex: Mrs. P. Nies, Miss Mollie Goodhue, Miss Sarah Ward, Mrs. M. Summerfield, Mrs. A. Price, Mrs. A. Gowen, Miss C. Katz, Mrs. E. Fisher, Miss Theresa Ernst, Miss E. Jackson, Mrs. W. Curl, Mrs. C. A. Holden, Miss E. G. Sawtelle, Mrs. Sawtelle, Mrs. K. P. Bradford, Mrs. C. W. Burdick, Mrs. M. E. McClellan, Mrs. W. E. Reed, Miss Minnie Peltier, Miss Helen Mar Bennett, Mrs. Anna S. Ayer, Miss May Emerson, Mrs. O. A. Campbell, Mrs. John Horner, Mrs. J. H. Miller, Mrs. M. Haynes, Mrs. J. G. Wright, Mrs. A. C. Oliver, Mrs. S. H. Adams, Mrs. M. S. Dimmock, Mrs. C. A. Holden, Mrs. J. Bryson, Sr., Mrs. W. S. Bryson, Mrs. Dr. E. Brunson, Mrs. W. A. Hartwell, Mrs. L. H. Whitson, Mrs. C. B. Wise, Mrs. S. H. Mariette, Mrs. E. D. Hellman, Miss Nettie Palmer, Mrs. Jeanie S. Peet, Mrs. Louisa Platt, Mrs. M. M. Baker, Miss Edna Davis, Mrs. A. L. Grosvenor, Mrs. M. E. Threlkeld, Mrs. B. Clark, Mrs. S. Rees, Miss Lizzie Rees, Miss Lillie Rees, Miss Rosa Rees, Mrs. Elizabeth Korbel, Mrs. C. E. Stevens, Mrs. A. M. Herbert, Mrs. C. E. Clacius, Mrs. B. Stern, Mrs. Herman Silver, Miss Cora E. Silver, Mrs. R. D. Widner, Mrs. O. H. Churchill, Miss J. E. Towell, Mrs. Geo. W. King, Mrs. J. M. C. Marble, Mrs. L. R. Dunkelberger, Miss B. Dunkelberger, Mrs. D. G. Stevens, Mrs. C. Ducommun, Mrs. John A. Wills, Mrs. T. E. Kimball, Miss Lizzie H. Kimball, Mrs. Mary Gilchrist, Mrs. Ellen F. Modisett, Mrs. Cornelia Harper, Mrs. R. K. McCreary, Miss Frank McCreary, Mrs. B. C. Weir, Mrs. C. A. Cary.

There was some discussion on the matter of an entertainment to be given by the annex on Saturday evening in May. It was suggested that Rose Hartwick Thorpe be asked to assist in the entertainment. The following committee was appointed to take charge of the affair: Mrs. C. D. McDonnell, Mrs. D. Gridley, Mrs. C. F. A. Last, Mrs. F. F. Ward, Mrs. Randall, Miss Winnie Conner, Miss Mary Crawford, Mrs. B. Clarke.

The committee on constitution and by-laws made its report, and it was adopted after much discussion. The annex then proceeded to the election of permanent officers. Mrs. Dr. Wilder was elected president; Mrs. Anna Hobbs, second vice-president; Mrs. C. A. McDonnell, secretary; Miss Carrie Longstreet, assistant secretary; Miss McComas, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Russell, treasurer.

The committee appointed on the matter of contributions of flowers from school children reported that the plan was not feasible, as it was in conflict with certain rules of the schools. After some discussion of this and certain other matters without action of any kind, the meeting adjourned.

Contributions were made to the permanent exhibit yesterday as follows: Mrs. S. S. Johnson, Whittier, Mediterranean swallows, tree, navels and corn; Mrs. S. S. Johnson, Whittier, corn and oranges; Mrs. B. Bell, Whittier, peas, snap beans and turnips; Charles Epps, Whittier, pumpkins; Hewitt & Woolcott, Carlsbad mine, sample of coal; Mrs. Robinson, Los Angeles, bunch of bananas.

The display made by George Cole, of Whittier, is a jar of walnuts. He reported yesterday that since he placed them in the exhibit he had heard from two parties who had seen them, asking about his next year's crop with a view to its purchase. This is an example of the advantage which may accrue to exhibitors by the display of their produce.

The managers of the exhibit are anxious to secure a better display of fresh vegetables. Very few localities have contributed to this part of the exhibit.

The regular monthly meeting of the chamber will take place next Wednesday afternoon.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

The Court-Martial Meets and Adjourns—Rifle Tournament.

The court-martial which is sitting on the cases of Colonel W. H. H. Russell and Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. Palmer met yesterday afternoon after an adjournment lasting through about three weeks. It was decided to adjourn for one week out of respect for Colonel G. Wiley Wells, the judge-advocate of the court, whose wife died last week. The court will meet and come to a decision on the case of Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. Palmer next Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. At 2 o'clock it will decide on the case of Colonel W. H. H. Russell. The decisions will be sent to General Dimond, and will not be made public until they are received by him.

A grand rifle tournament under the auspices of Company A of the Seventh Regiment, will be held on the 19th and 20th days of this month at the reservoir, near the end of Downey-avenue and Kuhrts-street car lines. A number of valuable prizes have been donated by merchants of Los Angeles, to be awarded to successful competitors.

MRS. WELLS'S FUNERAL.

It Will Take Place This Afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The funeral of Mrs. G. Wiley Wells will take place this afternoon from the Fort-street M. E. church. The services will be conducted by Rev. R. S. Cantine, assisted by Rev. J. L. Russell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city. Mrs. W. E. Beeson and Mrs. J. H. Book, assisted by a quartette, will render the music. The remains will be placed in a vault in Rosedale cemetery till arrangements are made for interment. The following gentlemen will act as pall-bearers: General B. H.

Grierson, General E. P. Johnson, Captain H. Z. Osborne, R. H. Hewitt, Judge W. A. Cheney, General John Mansfield, Captain C. E. Thom and D. W. Field.

THE PARK SUBSCRIPTION.

Those Who Put Their Names Down Yesterday.

The following subscriptions were handed to the park commissioners for the benefit of Westlake park in building a band house and boat house, and to improve the park, in addition to the subscriptions heretofore made and published in Sunday's paper: First National Bank, \$20; E. A. Forrester, one boat, \$30; Southern California National Bank, \$10; Los Angeles Lighting Company, \$25; State Loan and Trust Company, \$10; John W. Francis, \$5; D. L. Riech, \$5; Kan Koo, \$5; J. T. Hollingsworth, \$2.50; S. W. Luitweiler, \$5; cash, \$2; E. Berman, \$2; B. and T. Hawley, \$2; A. Boss & Bros., \$2; No. 134 South Spring street, \$5; E. B. Dukeman, \$2; C. Lam, \$2; Joe Poehlein, \$5.

New Cases.

Win. H. Avery sues Julia A. Parker to foreclose a mortgage for \$1,000.

Gustav Schultz sues F. E. Gravel and Mary Pauline Gravel for \$1,000 due on a note.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company sues Wm. G. Lorbeer, to condemn a right of way over property.

SEVERAL MISTAKES

IN THE FRUIT PAMPHLET OF THE STATE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Climate of the Sacramento Valley and of Southern California Not Identical. Citrus Fruits in the North.

Last year the State Board of Trade decided to issue a pamphlet on the subject of the "Fruit Industries of California," and contributions were asked from the various organizations represented in the board. The pamphlet was issued a short time ago. It bears the name of General N. P. Chipman, who compiled it.

A number of copies were sent to the Chamber of Commerce, and with them came the announcement that a large edition with plates would soon be issued and that if the pamphlet contained any errors the compiler would be glad to correct them. The book does contain several very serious errors, all of them injurious to the southern part of the State, especially so in view of the fact that the pamphlet emanates from the State Board of Trade, which is supposed to be an organization free from any form of sectional prejudice.

In a letter addressed to General Chipman, Major E. W. Jones, the president of the chamber, calls attention to these errors, which he regards as entirely accidental on the part of the compiler. He says:

Your tables of the average and lowest temperatures at given points are valuable, but they are not full enough to enable the inquirer to settle the question as to the adaptability of a climate for citrus fruit culture. Citrus trees endure a greater degree of cold in some locations than in others which show about the same average and extremes, because, mainly if not altogether, in the former the great dryness of the atmosphere renders the effect of cold less injurious than in the latter.

Now statistics show that the temperature of our valley between Los Angeles and the sea has a milder average and a higher lowest degree than like situations at the north; and it is certain that in that region citrus fruits are successfully raised, for hundreds of thousands are shipped thence at a profit, while none are raised in similar situations at the north. In fact, oranges are grown here on the very borders of the ocean at Wilmington and at Long Beach, and I understand, profitably. This is the region of middle temperature, though with a moist climate as compared to the interior—a climate similar in respect to degree of moisture to the Sacramento valley.

Again, at Riverside, where your tables show a lower degree of temperature, by one degree, than in the Sacramento valley, the most successful citrus culture is carried on. The greater success there is not attributable to the superior adaptability of the soil over other parts of the territory lying between the sea and that point, and not to the superiority of the climate to that of many other parts of the same territory, but to the superior intelligence and care exercised in its pursuit. The climate permits and protects the growth of citrus fruits by its extreme dryness, a characteristic of all the interior of Southern California, and in which it is probably not paralleled by any citrus-growing district at the north.

The fact that citrus fruits ripen earlier in the northern part of the State than in the southern does not establish its superiority to, or even its equality with, the southern part of the State, and still less does it prove a similarity of climate. The same fact exists with regard to Florida, and yet no one will claim that the climates are identical, or very similar. The lowest degree of temperature for the Sacramento valley is shown to be 18 degrees. So low a degree of temperature in Florida, I believe, almost always results disastrously to citrus culture in that State. Degrees of even less intensity on the part of the weather there usually do great damage, and such weather is experienced every few years.

In Southern California the temperature has never yet gone so low as to seriously affect the citrus crop.

In view of the above facts, it seems that the statement on page 8, in the last paragraph before the change of subject, that "there is no practical difference in climate in Southern and Northern California at the same elevation and in the same relative position to the ocean," and also on page 15, last paragraph, that "the climate is generally alike favorable in both regions," are hardly yet proven, and it is in the case the other statements therein may be misleading.

Under "Tree and vine planting," on page 19, if the report would show in the tables the acreage of vines and trees reported by our Chamber of Commerce for Los Angeles county, it would be more satisfactory to us. The authority can be stated in a marginal note, if necessary. The tables will be referred to many times while the text is examined but once.

In other respects the report is most admirable, and both the State Board and the whole State are greatly indebted to you for it. Very respectfully yours, E. W. JONES.

Buggy robes and blankets at Foy's harness shop, 217 Los Angeles street.

THE COUNCIL.

A Number of Matters Attended to Yesterday.

The First Street Grade Again Postponed.

Numerous Ordinances for the New Sewer System Adopted.

The Mayor on the Census Returns—Reports of Committees Acted Upon.

The Council met yesterday morning, President Frankenfield in the chair, and Messrs. Bonsall, Shafer, Brown, Van Dusen, Hamilton, Summerland, Wirsching and McLain present.

The City Auditor returned without his approval the demand of S. K. Adams for painting at the old city hall.

Mr. Summerland moved that the demand be passed over the veto of the Auditor.

A short discussion followed, in which it was stated that Mr. Adams had declined to carry out his part of an agreement whereby all the workmen were to be paid.

The veto was sustained by a vote of 8 to 1.

Mayor Hazard sent in the following communication:

There are many inquiries from the census bureau regarding the financial condition and other matters of our city that will be of vital importance to us in the coming census report. The annual reports of the city officers have not been published since 1880, and the information required is not easily obtainable.

As Congress has made no provisions for obtaining this information, but will rely on such information as is furnished by the various municipal officials, some provision should be made forthwith whereby this information should be furnished the department, otherwise the reports will not contain the facts in regard to the growth and development of the city so essential to us.

The blank financial inquiries from the bureau have been in the hands of the Auditor for months, and he informs me that he has been and is still unable to do anything in the matter, and we cannot afford to let this matter go by default. An appropriation of \$500 ought to be ample.

Referred to the special committee on annual reports.

The reports of the City Engineer and Street Superintendent were read and adopted.

The Street Superintendent asked that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for pipe to be put in the Arroyo de Los Reyes storm drain. So ordered.

The reports of the City Clerk, City Tax Collector, Water Overseer, Chief of Police and City Assessor, upon the collection of moneys, were read and referred to the finance committee.

The City Assessor reported that he had appointed A. W. Ellis to fill the position of F. H. Teele, who had gone back to the Auditor's. Appointment confirmed.

A communication was received from the library board asking that it be allowed to place signs on the electric light poles in front of the city hall, so that the attention of strangers might be called to the fact that the library was up stairs. On motion of Mr. Van Dusen the request was granted.

An ordinance granting permission to property owners to grade a part of Ward street was read and adopted.

An ordinance preventing persons from playing drums, etc., on the streets, or from singing on the streets without first having obtained a permit was read and adopted.

A contract with Fick Bros. to construct a portion of zanja No. 9 was read and approved.

The City Attorney advised that the Street Superintendent be instructed to remove all obstructions caused by the dummy road on Belmont avenue and Temple street. Adopted.

An ordinance creating a free employment bureau was read and rejected by a vote of 5 yeas to 4 noes, it requiring six votes to adopt an ordinance.

The report of the Board of Public Works as published in the HERALD was read and adopted.

The board recommended that a grade of 1 in 10 be adopted for First street, between Flower and Broadway, as this would not interfere if in the future a tunnel is decided upon. Received, and the matter postponed for a week.

The report of the finance committee was read and adopted.

Mr. Van Dusen moved that W. W. Smith be employed by the Street Superintendent for 30 days at \$3 per day. Smith was in the employ of the city when he was hurt by the falling of a plank. The motion was carried.

Mr. McLain moved that Mr. Foster be allowed to place a grating in his sidewalk. Carried.

A petition for an electric light at westlake park was denied.

The report of the Board of Public Works upon the First-street grade was as follows:

The board respectfully states, by way of information to the Council, that there are three distinct issues made up in this question. First—Those of the property owners between Broadway and Flower street, some of whom have suggested by a petition to the board, have signed an agreement or petition for a grade of about one in ten feet.

Second—Those of the property owners along the line of First street, from Flower to the west city limits, being nearly three miles of frontage, who want, and are willing to pay by assessment for a traffic grade of one in twenty-five feet.

Third—The property-owners interested in preserving a traffic grade on Pearl street, which would be destroyed by anything else than a traffic grade on First street, because of the ill necessary at the intersection of First and Pearl streets, as suggested by the ordinance recently passed by the Council.

This we see nearly three miles of frontage on First street, together with the frontage on Pearl street, arrayed against anything else than a traffic grade on First street. This amount of frontage, compared with that of three or four blocks, is so overwhelming that it would seem to preclude any other than a traffic grade if any work or change of grade is contemplated west of Flower street. The board recognizes the fact that a traffic grade is a necessity, and that it is imperatively demanded, through the first hill, by the very large and rapidly-growing district west of it. Many of the property-owners asking for a grade of one in ten admit this, but claim that, if attempted at this time, it would simply result in nothing being done whatever. The property-owners, however, have been industriously at work to get something done, and the present compromise grade of one in ten is the best result of their labors. The board is of the opinion that both projects can be proceeded with without interfering with each other.

The protest of Mrs. E. Easton against the assessment for the grading of the street in front of her house came up and the Street Superintendent was instructed to correct the assessment, so that Mrs. Easton's property should be excepted. The land committee recommended

that a committee be appointed to consider the proposition to turn Reservoir No. 4 into a park. Adopted, and Messrs. McLain, Wirsching and Bonsall appointed as the committee.

The committee recommended that a quit claim deed be given to Mrs. M. J. Maddigan. Adopted.

The building committee reported that the cost of fitting up the police offices would be \$153. Referred to the Police Commission.

The supply committee recommended that a quantity of supplies be allowed various city officers.

Proposals for furnishing sewer pipe were received from the San Francisco Sewer Pipe Company, California Sewer Pipe Company, and Pacific Clay Manufacturing Company; for excavating and laying sewers from McBean & Vincent, M. McDonald, Frank Walker, J. R. Hunter, Erick Bros., J. J. Mahoney, J. E. White, F. W. Barron, F. Osgood, J. L. Mansfield, D. Mulrain, A. M. Austin. Referred to the sewer committee.

The Board of Health requested that the report of the Health Officer be printed. So ordered.

The request of the Police Commission to increase the salaries of the detectives, was referred to the finance committee.

Mr. Summerland moved that the City Attorney draft an ordinance repealing the retrenchment ordinance. Lost by a vote of 7 to 2.

The report of the park commissioners asking as to the disposition of the grounds about the city hall, was referred to the building committee.

The request of the park board that a number of men employed by it be paid was referred back to the board for information.

The request of the fire board for more fire alarm boxes was referred to the committee on supplies.

The special committee on gravel asked that the City Clerk advertise for bids for furnishing a gravel bed. Received and filed.

Ordinances of intention to construct a number of sewers, as published a week ago in the HERALD, were read and adopted.

The sewer committee recommended that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare ordinances for the sewerage of the Temple-street district. Adopted.

The plans and specifications for the brick work of the central interceptor were read and adopted.

A petition from the Orphans' Home that the city remit its assessment for sewers was read and on motion of Mr. Shafer was granted, the Council deciding to pay the bill.

The report of the zanja committee, as published in the HERALD, was read and adopted.

A contract with the New Mexico Coal Company to furnish the city with coal was read and approved.

Mr. Summerland moved that the Chief Engineer of the fire department be instructed to notify Mr. R. M. Baker to remove an awning in front of his building. Referred to the Building Inspector.

An ordinance establishing the grades of a part of Ward street was read and adopted.

A number of petitions were referred to the appropriate committees and the Council adjourned.

The Board of Supervisors. A deed of the Newhall Land and Water Company for a right of way for road purposes, was ordered recorded.

The Newhalls appeared before the board and asked that their company be permitted to place a self-acting gate on the road to Ventura, which was granted. The sum of \$52.50 was transferred to the Las Virgenes road fund.

The matter of the Rose road was taken under advisement.

The District Attorney was ordered to discontinue deputy attorneys in all outside towns.

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