

THE EXHIBIT CARS.

Dr. J. H. Bryant's Visit to California on Wheels.

His Letter to the Secretary of the Chamber.

He Suggests Various Lines of Improvements.

Other News of the Chamber of Commerce. The Additions to the Permanent Display.

Secretary Patton of the chamber of commerce, has received the following letter from Dr. J. H. Bryant of this city, who is now in St. Paul, and who recently paid a visit to the "California on Wheels":

My DEAR SIR—On my way to this city I laid over one day at Des Moines, Ia., and was fortunate to find "California on Wheels" exhibiting at that city. Of course I availed myself of the pleasure to meet our accredited representatives, Dr. R. B. Blowers, S. J. Mathes and their confederates; found the entire party in good health and hopeful spirits. I spent an hour with these gentlemen, both in the morning and afternoon, and learned from them their modus operandi in their travels through the country, and I am more fully persuaded that California is doing herself proud in this free exhibition of her wonderful resources and productions.

Our genial Mr. Mathes said that the car is thronged every day with sight-seers, and I can verify that statement during my afternoon visit. Several said to me that they must see the golden land of promise ere they died, and many voluntarily inquired for some literature bearing upon the climate, soil and productions. These men should be liberally supplied with such useful, unprejudiced printed information as will thoroughly enlighten every reader.

Let each county represent in a practical yet impartial manner its own capabilities and productions, without reflecting on its neighbor's rights; and then the man looking after something to meet his ideal will quickly find that which he seeks.

Los Angeles presents her productions in fine display, yet I notice a striking dearth in vegetables. Some way should be devised to replenish the cars with a weekly supply; send on one or two large beds. Everyone stops to see Downey's 24-pound sweet potato.

Another suggestion and I close: To me it seems out of all proportion in our display of wines and liquors. We send out two cars and five or six men—one car filled with the product of our vines and one car to all our other things produced. It appears to an outsider that one-half our population are employed in that particular industry, while the other half are distributed among a thousand other kinds of employment. Can't this be remedied by lopping off say one-third of the car and allowing its space to minerals, manufacturing implements and such other industries as will be of more account.

This will not lessen our wine display only as to quantity; perhaps not so many private parties can display their own wines, etc., but the fact that our land can produce more excellent wines will not be lessened.

Gentlemen of the chamber, spare no time or money in this good work, as I am satisfied that our expenditure will be as bread cast upon the waters. More anon. J. H. BRYANT. The donations to the permanent exhibit of the chamber yesterday were as follows:

Captain Ellis, Meadows ranch; rhubarb; Ralph Rogers, Garvanza, loquats; Ed and George Dunham, La Cañada, six boxes mountain strawberries; Charles W. Hicks, potatoes and onions; Frank McCain, oranges and lemons; J. S. Bennett, four yucca trees; J. H. Dingham, Antelope valley, lettuce, extra large heads.

Miss A. F. Desmond, of Los Angeles, has done two hand-painted windows for the exhibit room, which are very fine and attractive.

Flowers were donated yesterday by J. Bartlett, Mrs. Thorn, Mrs. C. J. Mason and Mrs. John Poland.

The large case of California birds contributed several days ago by George A. Vignolo attracts much attention. The birds were all brought down by himself, and are admirably stuffed and mounted.

Yesterday the chamber sent California on wheels four cases containing oranges, lemons, vegetables, pampas, loquats, etc.

Among the callers at the chamber yesterday were Rev. A. J. Anderson and A. Hodgetts, of Neligh, Neb.

THE DOMINICAN SCHOOL.

The Corner-stone to be Laid Tomorrow.

Rev. Father Harnett states that the contract for the construction of the school which is to be in charge of the Dominican sisters, has been let to John Grant. The school, which is to be situated on the corner of Griffin avenue and Mozart street in East Los Angeles, will be about fifty-seven feet square, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000. The lot on which the building is to stand was recently purchased for \$2,500, and in the near future a convent will be erected on the adjoining property. The corner-stone of the school will be blessed tomorrow by Bishop Mora at 3 o'clock, and Rev. Father Dockery will preach the sermon. The ceremonies will be attended by the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Young Men's Institute, the Los Angeles Knights and a number of those interested in the welfare of the school.

EIGHT-HOUR MOVEMENT.

A procession and mass meeting to be held tonight.

A mass meeting of the various trade and labor unions, and all in sympathy with the eight-hour movement, will be held today, when a procession will form on Fifth and Main streets, at 7 p. m., sharp, and march along Main street to the junction of Spring, thence on Spring and up to Illinois hall, where various speakers, both ladies and gentlemen, will address the meeting. The following will be the order of marching:

Platoon of police; band; Cigar-Makers' Union, No. 225; Carpenters' Union, No. 56; Bakers' Union, No. 45; Laborers' Co-operative Construction Company; Los Angeles County Co-operative Association;

CITY MATTERS.

Recommendations of the Board of Public Works.

A Number of Street Matters Discussed.

Publication of the Ordinances Recently Adopted.

The Opinion of the City Attorney on Franchises and as to the Assessment of Banks.

The board of public works met yesterday and decided to make the following recommendations to the council:

That the petition of C. S. Miles et al., asking that the grade of Teed street be modified, be referred to the city engineer to present an ordinance of intention to change the said grade in accordance with desire of petitioners.

That the petitions of Emma C. Spears and H. Simmons, claiming damage by reason of change in the grade of Centennial street, in the Temple-street ordinance, be filed with the clerk.

That the city engineer be instructed to investigate the matter of surface drainage at the intersection of Third street and Grand avenue and report a plan for disposing of the water.

That the ordinance granting permission to the property-owners to grade Twenty-second street, between Grand avenue and Figueroa, by private contract and according to specifications No. 9, be passed.

That the petition of J. D. Eagan et al., property-owners on Grand View avenue from Ninth to Tenth streets, offering to give the gravel in said street to the city, without cost, provided the city excavate down to the established grade without expense to the property-owners; the proposition be accepted and that the petition be referred to the street superintendent for his information and action.

That the protest of E. D. Park against the proposed grading of Patrick street, west of Hancock street, be denied, as a majority of the frontage is not represented.

That the petition of John F. Humphreys, in reference to the opening of First street, be read for the information of the council.

That the petition of F. W. Thompson asking permission to erect a railroad sign on top of a post ten feet above sidewalk be granted, the work to be done under the direction of the street superintendent.

That the protest of Mose Amidon and J. Smale et al. against the proposed grading of Bartlett street be referred to the city engineer to see what frontage is represented.

That in regard to resolution of Mr. Summerland about street sprinkling, First street, from Broadway to Los Angeles, be swept once a week; also that the sweeping of Spring street, from Temple to Third, every night, be extended to Fourth street.

That the petition of W. C. Wright, asking to be allowed to remove earth from Yarnell street, be referred to the street superintendent, with power to act.

The board, recognizing the importance of preserving the original Hancock map of the city, which contains the only record of the Ord's survey, recommends that the city clerk be instructed to have the same recorded.

On the petition of Mrs. H. M. Barton asking for damages by reason of fill in front of her property on Bellevue avenue, recommended that the petitioner be allowed \$50 for raising her house, the money to be expended under the direction of the street superintendent.

MONEY AND FRANCHISES.

The Opinion of the City Attorney on Both.

A few days ago City Attorney McFarland was requested by the city assessor to give his opinion as to franchises and as to the assessment of banks: A day or two ago he furnished the following opinion:

Franchises are special privileges conferred by government on individuals and corporations, and which do not belong to the citizens of the county generally by common right, and to more definitely describe a franchise for the purpose of what you desire all grants or franchises given by the city council to corporations or individuals to use any of the public streets, parks or alleys of the city for the purpose of laying down railroad tracks, gas or water pipes, or to erect poles or stretch wires thereon, or the privilege of using the public streets in any manner different from the use by the public in general, is a franchise.

These franchises are taxable according to their true value, and in estimating the value you should not take into consideration the personal property of the individual or corporation, which personal property should be taxed separately, but you should assess the real value of the special privilege and rights conferred by the franchises.

The question as to how you can proceed to assess banks in order that they may not so easily answered. Before entering upon the legal propositions I would like to call your attention to a few facts in regard to the property of the banks of this city and the amounts upon which they paid taxes last year. From an examination of the sworn statements of the different banks of this city, which statements are recorded in the office of the county recorder, and were made about the 1st of March of last year, I found the following (in round numbers):

The banks had in their vaults in cash \$3,900,000

Cash in other banks subject to call 1,800,000

Loans, exclusive of mortgages on real estate 6,200,000

Like to call on property of the bank 9,400,000

Due depositors 6,200,000

Capital stock, and undivided profits 1,500,000

Reserved fund and undivided profits 1,200,000

Total 37,865,000

The assessed value of all the property upon which the banks of this city paid taxes for last year, was as follows:

Furniture and fixtures 37,165

Money 37,865

Credits 285

It is true that the banks should not be assessed upon the money property of the individual depositors, and which money should be assessed to the individual depositors, but I can imagine no reason why the amount of their capital stock, together with the reserve fund, surplus and undivided profits, which amounts to \$2,700,000, should not be taxed. A person who has \$1,000 invested in a house and lot, or a mortgage, or in merchandise, pays taxes upon the same, and I can see no reason why a person who has \$1,000 invested in bank

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stock should not pay taxes upon that amount, especially in view of the fact that bank stocks are the safest and best investments in this community.

Section 3,608 of the political code provides that shares of stock in corporations shall not be taxed to the stockholders, but that all property belonging to the corporation shall be assessed to it. This was done to avoid double taxation, which would result if you taxed the property of the corporation and also the shares of stock representing this property. The effect of this provision, judging from the facts, seems to be to enable both the property and the shares of stock to escape taxation.

The capital stock of the bank and the reserve fund and profits cannot be taxed to the bank as such, but the property which goes to make up the capital stock, reserve fund, etc., can be taxed.

I think an examination of the statements of the different banks will show that the world credits will cover the property which represents the capital stock, etc., and the manner in which it is invested. The statements show that they have on deposit belonging to depositors \$9,000,000; they have on hand, cash, \$5,700,000, leaving \$3,300,000, which they have loaned out. Take that from the total amount of their loans, viz., \$6,200,000, it leaves \$2,900,000 of credits, which belong to the banks, a slightly larger sum than the \$285 returned by them for taxation.

Section 3,632 of the political code provides that the assessor shall have power to subpoena and examine any person in relation to any statement furnished to him. Section 12 of ordinance No. 51 provides that any property wilfully concealed, removed, transferred or misrepresented by the owner or agent thereof, to evade taxation, upon discovery, must be assessed at not exceeding ten times its value, etc.

You have the same power in regard to corporations as you have as to individuals, and these provisions give you full power to investigate and assess property at a just amount.

While you are investigating these questions it might be well to look into the assessment of some of our individual taxpayers in regard to the amount of money returned for taxation, for while the statements show there was \$9,000,000 money on deposit, the total amount of money returned for taxation in this city from all sources is but \$211,387.

CITY ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Number of Grades and Sewers Established.

The following notices and ordinances were advertised by the city for the first time yesterday:

Ordinance of intention to construct a sidewalk on Alameda street, between Jackson and Ducommun streets.

Ordinance declaring official a map showing the official lines of Pearl, Flower and Temple streets.

Ordinance granting permission to E. Pierpoint to grade a part of Twenty-third street.

Notice that proposals will be received by the council on May 21st for the brick work of the central intercepting sewer.

Ordinance of intention to construct a sewer on Pico, Pearl and Lincoln streets.

Notice that proposals will be received on May 21st, for the excavating of section one of the Arroyo de los Reyes main.

Notices that the council has passed ordinances of intention to construct the following sewers: Flower street, from Temple to lot 1 block 5, Mott tract; Montreal street, from lot 7 block 4, Park tract, to lot 2 block 4, West Rosas tract; Pearl street, from Bunker Hill avenue to lot 18 block 4, West Rosas tract; Boston street, from lot 8 block 7, Park tract, to Montreal street; Grand avenue, from Court House street to Hill street; Sand street, from Bunker Hill avenue to present sewer in said street; Bellevue avenue, from lot 16 block 7, Park tract, to lot 27 block 2, West Rosas tract; Bartlett street, from Pearl street to lot 11 block 3, West Rosas tract; Bunker Hill avenue, from present sewer to block 1, Mott tract; across block 5 of Park tract; Bunker Hill avenue, from Pearl to lot 23 block 1, Park tract; Pink street, from Beaudry avenue to Ohio street; Court House, entire distance; Angelina street, from Beaudry avenue to lot 10 block 12, Court House street, from Mignonette street to Pink street; Temple street, from Beaudry street to lot 3 block 1, Park tract; Hope street, from Temple street to Court House street.

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