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FERTILE FACTS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

It is proper to call the attention of the board of supervisors to the following quotations from the report of the commissioners who settled the business affairs as between the counties of Los Angeles and Orange:

Page 35. "During the early years of the existence of Los Angeles county the details presented in the record are meager in the extreme. In fact, previous to the year 1874, there appears to be no record of any of the business transactions of the county whatever, except as shown in the treasurer's books and in the minutes of the board of supervisors. Subsequent to that date the information is scattered throughout the various books of record in the several county offices, without any regard to system, and had to be laboriously collected, little by little, and item by item."

Page 42. "One of the most difficult investigations of the commission was to ascertain the number of bridges in Los Angeles county, their location and their value. It was determined by the commission that the cost of each bridge should be determined and that its value should be its actual cost. There being no special record kept relative to bridges or any matters pertaining thereto it was necessary that the entire proceedings of the board of supervisors, from 1853 up to the present date, should be searched in order to obtain this information. The tabulated statement, etc."

Page 51. "It was thought that the roads belonging to the county might be property which could be taken into consideration, and an investigation was made for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the value of the county roads, taking as a basis the valuation of cost of the rights of way and other easements which had been paid out by Los Angeles county for these roads. The result of this investigation satisfied the commissioners that it was a physical impossibility to ascertain the cost, because the records were so indefinite and so general in the expression of the reasons for which money was paid upon roads, or road work, that it was impossible to make a segregation between first cost and subsequent maintenance."

These quotations show that the affairs of the county have been managed in a way which would have brought any private person to grief, and which has burdened the county with a heavy bonded debt. The total value of the bonded indebtedness and interest accrued and unpaid March 11, 1889, was \$688,173, since which date the people have voted \$300,000 more.

It may be that our law does not provide that the auditor shall keep a regular set of books, opening accounts against the various bridges, roads, the courthouses under construction, etc., but certain it is that the average office-holder upon taking his position bothers himself not at all about what has been, and as little as possible about what transpires in his department, excepting always his salary.

But whilst negligence in the keeping of accounts has been the rule in the past, why should it be continued in the future? Unless, forsooth, it is desired by the supervisors to leave no record of the manner in which they dispose of the people's money.

We have a court house building. Can any citizen find a detailed statement of the expenditures thereon? It may be in the office of the auditor? Possibly, but we do not believe so.

Three hundred thousand dollars' worth of bonds are in the supervisors' hands for the completion of the court house and the furnishing of the same. We observe, however, that we have six superior court rooms elegantly furnished, and the old court house is filled chock-a-block with desks and all that is required for the business of a county likely to be divided, and at present owing over \$900,000.

Such being the facts, we recommend to the supervisors, that they improve on the past; that they keep accounts or have them kept by a bookkeeper, and that they study economy. Otherwise, taxation will perform be increased until the burden becomes unbearable.

A word to the wise should suffice.

SOME "FIGGERS" ON THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Speculations as to the result of the next presidential election are already becoming quite rife. There is little doubt as to the victory of the Democracy amongst intelligent people. Hon. William A. Springer, a distinguished Democrat from Illinois, the other day expressed to a reporter the opinion that we could elect the president without

New York. It would, in the opinion of many Democrats, however, be quite hazardous to overlook the Empire state. If Springer's belief should become general in the party it might have a very important bearing on the selection of the candidate. Preference has been given to statesmen from New York, not on the ground of their superiority to public men hailing from other directions, but on account of their ability to make that state certain for the Democratic ticket.

The New York World of a late date had some interesting speculations on the matter. According to the Dunnell plan of apportionment there will be 442 electoral votes, of which it will require 222 to elect. By another measure it is proposed to increase the membership to 456. For the purposes of comparison the Dunnell figures will do. According to them, if the votes are divided as they were in 1884 the following table would represent the result. It will be perceived that the Democratic nominee would be elected, with two votes to spare:

Table with columns for State, 1884, and 1892. Lists states like Alabama, Arkansas, California, etc., with corresponding electoral votes.

In the foregoing the new states are grouped as they voted at the last election. It is probable that some of them, Montana almost certainly, would vote for the Democratic candidate.

If the states should vote as in 1888, when Mr. Cleveland was beaten, the result would be as follows:

Table with columns for State, 1888, and 1892. Lists states like Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, etc., with corresponding electoral votes.

In both of these elections New York decided the result, as she would have done in 1876 if Louisiana, Florida and South Carolina had not been tampered with, and Mr. Tilden counted out. The vote of the Empire state taken from the 269 Republican column and added to the Democratic roll, would reduce the Republican majority of 96 to 24. A very trifling gain would convert these figures into a Democratic majority.

The ground for Democratic hopes lies in the fact that with the 157 votes of the solid south the Democratic nominee will only require 65 votes from the north. New York will give him 36, Indiana 15, New Jersey 10, and Connecticut 6-67 in all, or two more than a majority. The aggregate majorities in the Empire state on the congressional elections was 88,000—a very reassuring figure. Still Cleveland carried it by over 192,000 and was afterwards beaten.

Considering recent developments, the Democrats have solid grounds of hoping to carry Illinois, with 24 votes, Iowa with 13, Michigan with 14 and Wisconsin with 12. The Farmers' Alliance has disorganized the Republican party in all these commonwealths. It would seem to look sively for our Republican friends; for even giving them New York, with these states added to the Democratic list, the Democratic nominee would have the exact 224 votes needed to elect him.

The establishment of a beet sugar factory on an extensive scale on the Chino ranch seems to be at last a fact, accomplished, as will be seen by details given elsewhere. There is no reason why these useful and wealth-producing agencies should not grow up here in great numbers. The percentage of saccharine matter in beets is very much larger in Southern California than in any other portion of this state or in Germany or France. This is to be expected, as the same qualities of sun and soil that give us the pre-eminence in the sweet wines, such as port, angelica and sherry, operate to make the beet unusually rich. We have not heard much of late about the project of starting a beet sugar farm near Redondo, but such farms and supplementary factories ought to spring up everywhere. Any land that can produce beets with the proportion of sugar in them which characterizes that vegetable here will pay a handsome interest

on \$500 an acre. Mr. Gird's example ought to be imitated.

The Chicago Tribune is trying hard to persuade the Republican leaders to take the back track on tariff and sectional legislation. Mr. Joseph Medill is a very level-headed man who knows that, when it comes to voting, the "cheap man in the cheap coat and cheap trousers," to adopt the sneering language of the Republican politicians, is likely to prove very numerous. The attempt to shove the Lodge force bill through congress will apparently be persevered in, doubtless on the principle that whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. The only sensible thing the Republicans seem to think of doing is the passage of a bill providing for the free coinage of silver. Whether, if they should succeed in getting it through congress, Harrison could be prevailed upon to sign it, is a problem of grave doubt. As the principal cause of the defeat of the measure at the last session was his declaration that he would veto it if passed, the friends of silver should not be too sanguine. The president is credited with having the big head.

The Herald has heretofore urged the board of supervisors to publish itemized accounts not only of all their transactions but of every demand made against the county. If an official publication of all the transactions of the board were laid before the people at frequent intervals, there would not only be a more accurate knowledge of the affairs of the county spread before the public, but irregularities and fraudulent warrants would be detected at once, and a system of forgeries running over many months could not possibly occur. The law authorizes the supervisors to make this publicity of their transactions, and their failure to do so in the past has led to impositions upon the treasury that might have been avoided.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE NEXT CITRUS FAIR TO BE HELD HERE.

Steps Taken to Prepare for It—To be the Best Ever Held in the State—The Proceedings Yesterday.

The board of directors of the chamber of commerce met yesterday afternoon, Hervey Lindley in the chair, and directors W. E. Hughes, W. H. Toler, C. M. Wells, E. W. Jones, J. Mills Davies, J. H. Book, J. R. Mathews and Dr. J. P. Widney present.

Mr. Wells reported that the special committee consisting of Secretary Hanchette and himself had visited Sacramento and had secured the location of the Sixth congressional district citrus fair at Los Angeles. He introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Los Angeles chamber of commerce recognizes the fact that the relation of the state board of agriculture to the citrus fair held in this city last March was much misunderstood and that inferences were then drawn reflecting on the member of the state board selected as managing director of the said fair, that we very much regret.

Resolved, further, That in view of the facts, the chamber fully appreciates the broad spirit that prompted the said managing director, Mr. G. W. Hancock, to move the selection of Los Angeles as the place for holding the coming citrus fair, and appreciates the action of the board of agriculture in adopting the resolution offered by Mr. Hancock.

A resolution adopted at the meeting of the citrus fair committee, asking the chamber to call a meeting of the citrus fruit growers for the selection of a new committee, was read and adopted.

Mr. Wells moved that the secretary be instructed to notify all citrus fruit-growers in the Sixth district that the meeting will take place in the rooms of the chamber Wednesday morning next at 10 o'clock, carried.

Several resolutions that the chamber purchase advertising matter were read and referred to the proper committees. The board then adjourned.

THE CITRUS FAIR.

The executive committee of the citrus fair met yesterday, C. M. Wells in the chair, at the chamber of commerce, and Messrs. E. Germain, F. Edward Gray, H. H. Smith and Mr. Watson present. Mr. Watson stated that he represented Mr. R. Gird, the managing member of the state board of agriculture, and that Mr. Gird had been called away on business connected with the sugar factory. Mr. Gird would like to have the old committee reappointed to take charge this year, but thought the citrus fruit growers should have the choice, both in the matter and also as to the date of the fair.

After some discussion Mr. Germain offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mr. Wells be requested to appear before the directors of the chamber of commerce, at their meeting to be held this p. m., and request them to call a meeting of the citrus fruit growers, of the Sixth congressional district, at an early date, for the purpose of selecting an executive committee to take charge of the citrus fair, to be held at Los Angeles in the early part of 1891.

After some discussion, in which it was stated that this fair will be the best ever held in the state, for several good reasons, the meeting adjourned.

A New Business Directory.

The Herald is in receipt of the "Business Directory of Los Angeles and Orange counties." This contains a list of the business men of the two counties named, a directory of all the public officers and public institutions, the city charter of Los Angeles, a street and avenue guide brought down to date, besides much other valuable information.

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Big Crows at the Mammoth. This is caused by the low cash prices and the handsome holiday presents given with each purchase.

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THE LATEST DISCOVERY.

What the Greatest of All Modern Sciences has to say upon the Most Important of All Subjects.

Professor Koch, the great German physician who discovered the microbes which cause cholera, claims to have discovered a way of curing consumption, by vaccination. As more than half of all the deaths which occur every year are caused by consumption, 11 Dr. Koch's claim is true, it is the greatest discovery of the nineteenth century. But there seems to be some doubt as to whether it can be made practicable in all cases, while in every case it is certain to be a very expensive cure, and one that can only be indulged in by the very wealthiest.

In the course of his remarks upon the subject, however, Professor Koch makes a most wonderful statement, which is as follows: "Alcohol is a food in consumption. He does not say that it is a temporary aid, but an absolute food, sustaining the life, building up the strength, and restoring the health. This is a most important statement, and proves beyond question the great value of alcohol in the treatment of disease. It should be remembered, however, that alcohol is never taken in its natural form, and that whiskey is the finest manner in which alcohol is ever consumed, while in every case it is certain to be a very expensive cure, and one that can only be indulged in by the very wealthiest."

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