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Division of Telegrams and Reports for the benefit of Commerce and Agriculture. Report of observations taken at Los Angeles, Cal., July 16, 1883.

Time	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Dew Point.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity.	Weather.
8:15 A.M.	29·90	62	60	Calm	0	Cl'dy
12:15 P.M.	29·93	81	60	SW	4	Clear
8:15 P.M.	29·94	66	61	W	7	Cl'dy

Maximum Thermometer, 83
Minimum Thermometer, 61

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Removal Sale—Polaski Bros.

The Skating Rink is in full blast.

Thirty-Eight's picnic—City Gardens—Sunday, July 22d.

Mr. N. W. Stowell, of Ontario, was in the city yesterday.

A woman to do general housework is advertised for elsewhere.

The Los Angeles Bicycle Club now consists of fifteen members.

In our New To-Day a family liquor store is advertised for sale.

A steady man used to handling cattle is advertised for in our New To-Day.

All passenger conveyances will run to 38's picnic, Sunday, July 22d.

Dr. W. W. Ross returns from San Francisco by this morning's overland train.

To-day but not to-morrow—Ginghams, 5¾ cents, colossal clearance, People's Store.

Messrs. Dewey & Arey, in our New To-Day, advertise for a letter-book press.

Mr. Warren Wilson, proprietor of the San Bernardino *Index*, is at the Cosmopolitan.

The usual special freight trains were hauled both north and east on Sunday and yesterday.

Fine prizes to foot racers, etc., at 38's picnic, Sunday, July 22d.

Thermometer for the 24 hours ending at 8:15 last evening: maximum, 83 degrees; minimum, 61 degrees.

Los Angeles was an exceedingly dull city on Sunday, almost every one appearing to be "out of town."

To-day but not to-morrow—Slippers and sandals, 98 cents, colossal clearance, People's Store.

A meeting of the Directors of the Sixth District Agricultural Association will be held at the usual place to-day.

The San Bernardino *Times* reports the resignation of S. S. Lawson, United States Agent for the Mission Indians.

A competent bookkeeper, in our New To-Day, offers a bonus of $100 to any one who will procure him a situation.

If the mark of a finger is on fresh paint, an application of ammonia will remove it without in the least injuring the paint.

Phillippi's new resort, "Buena Vista," was opened on Sunday, and is spacious, elegant, quiet and orderly. It is a lovely place to visit.

To-day but not to-morrow—Pure linen colored handkerchiefs, 16⅔ cents, colossal clearance, People's Store.

The finder of a black setter pup will receive $5 reward on returning the same to Eckert & Klaffki's, Congress Hall. See advertisement.

Mrs. Wallace Woodworth, Miss Mamie Woodworth and Miss Ada Barrows return home by this morning's train from San Francisco.

Mr. N. H. Murray, long an attaché of the *Mirror* job office, we learn, is to start business for himself next week in the same line of industry.

The steamer Ancon leaves for San Diego to-day. Intending passengers should take the 4:15 P. M. train—Los Angeles time—for San Pedro.

To-day but not to-morrow—French ribbed hose, 8½ cents, colossal clearance, People's Store.

The recent entertainment at San Diego for the benefit of the G. A. R. was so popular that people were turned away, and it will be repeated this evening.

A handsome gold medal, with proper inscription, presented to the best lady dancer, at 38's picnic, Sunday, July 22d.

In U. S. Commissioner Lee's Court, yesterday, a man named Gonzales was held for trial befor the U. S. Court at San Francisco on a charge of selling liquor to Indians.

A franchise has been granted by the Mexican Government for a railway from Tucson, Arizona, to Port Lobos, on the Gulf of California. Work on the road will commence at once.

To-day but not to-morrow—Grenadines, 15 cents, colossal clearance, People's Store.

The marriage licenses of Charles E. Berry and M. E. Lemon and Wallace Woodworth and Lillian M. Ashby were filed for record in the County Recorder's office yesterday.

Ah Man, a Chinaman, was arraigned before Justice Morgan yesterday on the charge of assault to commit murder, for striking a fellow Mongolian with a butcher's cleaver.

To-day but not to-morrow—Half wool Mohair, 11½ cents, colossal clearance, People's Store.

Messrs. Haylock and Renner have purchased the City Chop House, 24 First street, and will keep it in first-class style. They are experienced caterers and will not be excelled in their business by anybody.

A fresh car-load of the celebrated Anheuser-Busch beer arrived at the Eintract yesterday. The numerous patrons of this popular establishment will find the present consignment quite up to the former high standard.

Mr. Fred Whitney, formerly of Santa Ana, but lately connected with some of our city groceries, has accepted the position of manager of the American bakery since its removal.

No less than one hundred and four passenger cars were hauled in and out of Los Angeles on Sunday. Seven or eight years ago ten cars was the movement. It really looks as if Los Angeles was growing.

Mr. Sheldon, of Paradise Valley, San Diego county, this year sold $1,400 worth of strawberries from an acre of ground. There is a fortune in this fruit, but here its raising is principally monopolized by Chinese.

In the County Recorder's office yesterday seventeen deeds, three mortgages, three releases of mortgages, three assignments of mortgages, two marriage licenses and eight miscellaneous papers were filed for record.

To-day but not to-morrow—Plum Moire, 49 cents, colossal clearence, People's Store.

Deputy Sheriff Huber went north last evening, having in charge M. Prindeville and Sarah Winters, committed to the Stockton Insane Asylum, and Geo. Reinbeck, sentenced to San Quentin for three years for burglary.

The six well-dressed vagrants arrested by Chief of Police Cuddy on Friday night were arraigned before City Justice Morgan yesterday, and deposited $20 each to appear for trial on the 23d, 24th, 26th and 28th instants.

The Newhall Farming Company has leased the hotel at that place and will proceed to erect a large new edifice to accommodate the increasing business of that thriving settlement. The oil business of Los Angeles county is booming.

Lovers of instrumental and vocal music will be entertained this evening at the First Presbyterian Church by the best musicians of the city. Tickets 50 cents, at Burch & Boal's, opposite the Post Office.

In the mention of the decorations in honor of the Fourteenth of July, the elegant French flag unfurled to the breeze by V. Dol, of the Commercial restaurant, was accidentally omitted. We are glad to make this correction.

To-day but not to-morrow—Turkish cord silk, 98 cents, colossal clearance, People's Store.

The City Board of Education met last night and finally adopted the plan for the new school building, proposed by A. Edelman, and instructed the Secretary to advertise for bids. Adjourned until the 26th instant.

Wild cherries of good quality grow in the foothills near San Luis Rey. And yet people will insist that "cherries won't grow here." If they will grow wild they certainly will grow with cultivation, as has been proved time and time again.

Mayor Thom, acting on the suggestion of the HERALD, in his message to the Council last night, recommended the removal of the cover from the Old Aliso road or Macey-street bridge, thus saving the city an expense of about three hundred dollars a year.

Lord Dunmoore is following the example of other British Lords in investing in American lands. There is a good opening for his Lordship to invest in California and bring over a colony of settlers. There is room for them in Southern California.

We learn that Jerry Illich, the well-known and popular caterer, will take charge of the second story of the new Bernard building, on Main and First streets, when completed, and run it as a first-class hotel and restaurant. That it will be a success goes without saying.

A few of the Catalina passengers returned per steamer Amelia and the afternoon train from San Pedro, on Sunday, but, in comparison with those who remained on the island, the number was small. Those who stayed there will have the most enjoyment, and return in robust health.

About five hundred excursionists left by train for Santa Monica on Sunday, besides numbers in carriages. The weather was so lovely and the water so comfortable that a splendid and enjoyable time was passed. The new boats at the wharf are also an attraction.

A man named Jack Harris was arrested last night for passing an imitation of greenbacks for money, on a man named Cummings, from El Monte. When Cummings discovered the fraud he returned the bogus paper to Harris, who declined to take it back. Officer Reynolds took Harris into custody.

On Saturday morning about half-past 8 o'clock a wagon unloaded the material necessary for the new stairway in the Hellman building, on Commercial street. By half-past 4 o'clock in the afternoon the stairway was erected and in condition to use. As one man did nearly all the labor it was certainly quick work.

By advertisement elsewhere it will be seen that at the solicitation of a large number of our best citizens, the steamer Amelia has resumed her trips, and will leave San Pedro for Santa Catalina island on the arrival of the morning train from Los Angeles, every Saturday, until further notice.

Apropos to a letter on the subject of street preaching, which appears in other columns, we clip the annexed from a recent number of the Santa Barbara *Independent*: "The leaders of the Salvation Army at Bridgeport, Conn., have been arrested and warned against holding meetings in the streets in future.

Lovers of music will enjoy a rich treat by attending the concert to-night at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Fort and Second streets. Among the names of performers we notice Miss Stella M. Benford, a fine instrumentalist, and Mrs. L. G. Valentine, recently arrived, who has a high reputation as an organist and pianiste.

At Newhall station yesterday forty trunks of baggage were taken from a single train. They belonged to a party of thirty-five men, who, with their families, are going to settle at the oil works near Newhall to work in the new developments just inaugurated at that place. That means a large increase in business.

Some people think that Arizona is a desert in its entirety, except in the northern part. This is a colossal mistake. Near Tempe, south of the Rio Salado, in Maricopa county, there are 1,500 acres of fine alfalfa, 130,000 grape vines, 15,000 fruit trees, and wheat and vegetables in abundance. It is an oasis in the desert of large size.

The attention of families is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Dewey & Arey, successors of D. K. Houghtelin & Co. This firm will keep a full supply of country produce, poultry, eggs, butter and fish; also, game of all kinds in season. All articles supplied by them can be relied upon as the best to be found in the market.

To-day but not to-morrow—Watered silks, 88 cents, colossal clearance, People's Store.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway is to at once extend its line from Magdalena, on the Sonora railway, limited, through northern Sonora, New Mexico and Texas, to El Paso, there to connect again with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway. This road is to be built on account of the valuable coal fields en route, which the company needs to use for its engines.

The following gentlemen have been chosen officers of the Los Angeles Athletic Club. President, E. A. Preuss; Vice-President, B. E. Taney; Secretaries, John S. Thayer and Edwin Smith; Treasurer, H. J. Fleishman; Executive Committee, A. M. Lawrence, H. W. O'Melveny, A. Vandegraff, George S. Patton and J. Downey Harvey.

Messrs. Thomas & King of San Bernardino, and Mr. Van Briesen of Calico, have got tired of building wooden structures which are like tinder boxes, at the latter place, and are each building a substantial stone hotel. This is as it should be. Stone is abundant at no great distance, and the buildings will not only be more durable, but more comfortable.

Messrs. Joseph Murtagh & Co. come to the front with a double column advertisement in this morning's HERALD, in which they announce a clearance sale of their large and varied stock of dry goods, fancy goods and gentlemen's furnishing goods to make room for their Fall stock, at prices that, for cheapness, have never been surpassed in Los Angeles. We would advise all who wish to secure bargains in first-class goods of the newest patterns to give them a call.

Col. W. E. Morford and F. P. Howard, Esq., have returned from a hunting and fishing expedition from Alamos mountain, about twenty-five miles north of Newhall. They report an abundance of trout and droves of deer, while the bears were too dear to claim their attention. The trout which they did not bring home, were left in the Alamos brooks and the bears left in their mountain dens. The venison was utilized in a most agreeable manner and is *dear* to their memories still.

Following is the list of passengers who arrived from the East, via the Southern Pacific and connections, last evening: S W Scott, E Carazo, New York; Louis Boardman, St Louis; Mrs Barnett, Benson, A T; W R Codington, J Stenson, San Francisco; Mrs Howes, Deming; Mrs E Fletcher, Los Angeles; M F Dunn, Bedford, Ind; Mrs Grier and daughter, Canada; J Cunningham, Tucson; E W Clark, Wisconsin.

There is a great deal of public interest manifested about the Sierra Madre country in Arizona and Sonora, the land of the Chiricahuas, Tarumaris and Tipiwan Indians. The latter two tribes are peaceful, and foes of the Apaches. From prospectors who have visited that country we learn that it is a most delightful land, well watered, and timbered with pine and oak. In July and August the country is covered with grass, mingled with brilliant flowers. The land abounds in silver ore, some of which is very rich. This fine region will be developed as soon as the fighting red men leave it.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Street Preaching.

EDITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES DAILY HERALD—*Sir:* I avail myself of the space kindly allotted by you in your valuable paper to letters from the people, to enter my protest against what is to me, to say the least, a great annoyance. I have been a sojourner in your delightful city for the past three months and am domiciled near the Court House. While I am not demonstratively pious, I generally go to church Sunday forenoons. Having acquitted myself of a Christian duty, I hold that I am entitled to amuse myself as best I may in the afternoon. Reading is the mode of pastime I generally adopt. Now comes my grievance: My room, as I said before, is near your Court House. Well, nearly every Sunday afternoon, just as I have settled down in my easy chair to read or loll, as the case may be, a crowd of self-elected teachers of the Word—they call themselves members of the "Holiness Band," I am told—an "I am better than thou," organization, I suppose—gather on the Court House steps, and, with discordant, jarring voices, in which the nasal tone predominates, commence to bellow about their own perfections. And as if the exhortations were not enough, they are interspersed with what—God save the mark!—they call singing.

But I am wandering. My object in addressing you was simply to ask if there is no legal way of putting a stop to this intolerable nuisance? Your city is well supplied with places of worship, many of them as commodious as are to be found on the Coast. Cannot these holy men and women, if their vocation (?) is the conversion of the sinner, be made to confine their oratorical and musical exercises to some one of these regularly appointed houses of worship? My object is a selfish one, I know, and I know also that I am not the only sufferer, as numbers of my friends have told me that their Sunday afternoon peace and comfort is invaded and disturbed in the same way and by these same holy (?) people.

Can you not, Mr. Editor, call the attention of our worthy Mayor to the matter, and he, I am sure, will take some means to relieve his fellow-citizens from the annoyance of being compelled to desert their homes or listen to these self-sanctified preachers. Respectfully yours,

A SUFFERER.

Death of William Clift.

Another pioneer has paid the debt of nature. Mr. William Clift, the well-known stage agent, died yesterday at the Sister's Hospital, at the age of 47 years. Mr. Clift was a native of Massachusetts, but had been interested since attaining his manhood in the overland passenger business on the Pacific slope. He was known from Salt Lake City to San Francisco, and from Siskiyou to San Diego. He began as one of the agents of Butterfield & Co.'s great overland stage route. After that he was connected with Ben Holladay's stage and transportation line, in Nevada. He then became agent of the Coast Line Stage Company of Flint, Bixby & Co., till the Southern Pacific Railroad was completed to Los Angeles. After that he acted for some time as agent of Buckley & Co.'s stage line from Santa Ana to San Diego, and then engaged in the livery business in Anaheim till the fatal disease, the dropsy, laid hold of him with relentless hand and robbed him of his life on yesterday morning. His death will be a surprise to his numerous acquaintances along the Coast, who only remember him in his very robust and stalwart manhood, and will be little prepared to hear of his decease. A short time since a notice appeared in the HERALD of his illness at Anaheim. From his residence there he was brought to the Sisters' Hospital and everything done for his comfort that could be performed. Mr. Wm. Pridam, the agent of Wells, Fargo & Co., was attentive to his every want, and left nothing undone that could cheer or relieve the sufferer in his painful journey to the silent land.

Railroad Lands Transferred.

A. B. Hotchkiss, Esq., of San Diego, filed a deed for record on Friday last which is of vast importance. It is signed by Jay Gould, President, and conveys to C. P. Huntington the following described lands:

1. To the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of Arizona—All lands, rights, etc., of the Texas Pacific in Arizona Territory.

2. To the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of New Mexico—All lands, rights, etc., of the the Texas Pacific in New Mexico Territory.

3. To the Los Angeles & San Diego Railroad Company—All lands, rights, etc., in the State of California, and all lands, rights, etc., of the Texas Pacific Railroad Company within and in the vicinity of the city of San Diego.

Passengers Due This Evening.

The following is the list of passengers by the Southern route, to arrive in Los Angeles at 4:45 o'clock this evening, specially telegraphed to the HERALD from Casa Grande, Arizona, at 10 o'clock last night:

M A Henry, Boston; Harvey Harkinson, wife and four children, New York; J J Williams, Globe, A T; Mrs Lawrence, Fort Worth, Texas; W L Hardeson, Eldred, Penn; E H Floyd, U S A; N A Menard, J Rosenberg, T D Judson, San Francisco; S Johnson, John J Wilder Berger, St Louis; Sam L Allcott, A L Cardwell, Tombstone; P Costello, Tucson; P G Williams, Deming, N M; D McPherson, London, Eng.

The largest stock of drugs, medicines, perfumeries and toilet articles in Southern California, at C. F. Heinzeman's.

SUNNY SLOPE ON TOP.

Eva, Daughter of Sultan and Minnehaha, Carries off the Prize Against the Combined East—A Worthy Sister of Sweetheart.

There was rejoicing at Sunny Slope yesterday on receipt of the news that Eva, the four-year-old daughter of Sultan and Minnehaha, had won the great four-year-old trotting race at Chicago on Saturday last, in which her competitors were the pick of the principal horse producing States of the East. Flags were run up over the Sunny Slope stables, and all who had in any way assisted in the handling or training of the wonderful filly, felt a personal pride and satisfaction in the triumph of the sister of Sweetheart, whose performance as a three-year-old was only less marvellous than Eva's in that her field was more circumscribed.

Below we give the details of the race as telegraphed from Chicago:

At the call the following came to the front: Charles McCalla's, of Columbus, Ind., chestnut filly Jersey Lily, by Hambletonian Downing; J. C. McFerrin & Co.'s, of Louisville, Ky., bay filly Algatha, by Cuyler; J. W. Mackay's, of San Francisco, bay filly Eva, by Sultan; J. Longshore's, of Belton, Mo., gray colt Billy Clinker, by Clinker; Leland Stanford's, of Mayfield, Cal., bay filly Bonita, by Electioneer. The Kentucky filly Algatha was the favorite, notwithstanding the fast records of the California fillies, Eva and Bonita, at two and three years. Following is an account of the race:

First heat—Soon after the word was given Eva and Jersey Lily broke, fell to the rear and were not in the heat from that point. Bonita went away fast, took the pole, followed by Algatha. After passing the half-mile post Algatha began to move up, and it was a close race home, Algatha winning by half a length.

Second heat—Algatha broke at the turn, Bonita went to the front, with Eva second. Eva trotted with Algatha till the latter broke, and Jersey Lily began to come up; but Eva won by a length.

Third heat—Eva kept the pole and was never headed, Jersey Lily and Algatha alternately contending for the second place. Billy Clinker trotted very fast from the half-mile post, where he was nearly a distance in the rear.

Fourth heat—Bonita led to the half-mile post, when Eva and Algatha came up together, and the three trotted head and head into the stretch coming home, but Eva could not be passed. Billy Clinker trotted into the second place a length behind Eva. Time, 2:23, 2:21¾, 2:20¾, 2:26.

Another Important Industry.

The HERALD for the past ten years has been an encyclopedia of the various developments of Southern California. A bound volume of the HERALD for the last decade would be a complete history of the progress and improvement of the country. To this volume of improvements we have the pleasure of adding another item of vast interest to the people of the country. A large ledge of hydraulic lime has been discovered near Colton and has been taken in hand by that veteran pioneer, Tom W. Cover. Dr. Morris and W. H. Mintzer. The rock has been submitted to Professor Henry G. Hanks, the State Mineralogist, and pronounced equal to the best Portland cement. Two ovens are being built to roast the rock, and a German workman, who has been in the business for thirty years, engaged to take charge of the manufacture of cement of the finest description.

This discovery is of vast importance to this part of the State. The use of cement is now constant and large and daily increasing. At present our citizens are paying from $5 to $7 per barrel for this necessary article, and are sending abroad vast sums to pay for the same. Hereafter they will be able to get this important article made from our own mountains for less than half that price. This will be good news to the thousands who are building cisterns, cellars, houses, aqueducts, water-tight zanjas and reservoirs, and will increase the amount of this kind of permanent improvement in a remarkable degree. The enterprise is in able hands and will be pushed forward with all that brains and capital can command. Mr. Mintzer is well known as one of the most energetic and successful citizens of Southern California, who has done much to build up the country in many ways that the public know nothing about, while Col. Tom Cover, the Buckeye pioneer, climbed our mountains and crossed our deserts thirty years ago, established Virginia City, Nevada, and later fought Indians in Montana, when his Captain, Jim Bozeman laid down his life for his country, and Col. Cover named the settlement of Bozeman after him as a lasting memorial of his gallantry. Col. Tom Cover has been a good friend of Los Angeles, and furnished his elegant mansion at Riverside from the warerooms of our city. He is one of the main managers of the Marble Lime Company that yesterday sold 7,000 barrels of lime to the builders of Los Angeles at about half what they used to pay for Santa Cruz lime. The Colonel takes no step backward, and we hope his new enterprise will be as successful as his previous operations have been. We need more men like Tom Cover.

A. O. U. W.

On Saturday evening last the newly elected officers of San Fernando Lodge, No. 214, were duly installed in office by District Deputy G. M. W. Al. Cobler. The list installed is as follows: P. M. W., H. C. Hubbard; M. W., J. Harps; Foreman, Jno. H. Barclay; Overseer, Geo. T. Goweld; Recorder, Ell. Hammond; Financier, H. W. Griswold; Receiver, F. M. Wright; Guide, Jno. C. Maclay; I. W., B. F. P. Smith; O. W., Valentine Lopez; Trustee, A. B. Moffitt; Medical Examiner, Dr. C. H. Castle. San Fernando Lodge No. 214 has 31 members, and is in a flourishing condition. It promises to long retain its place as one of the liveliest lodges in the district.

Special Notice.

The publication of the *Free Lance*, through sickness of both of its proprietors, and the non-receipt of material which did not arrive until Saturday last, has necessarily been delayed. We ask the indulgence of our advertising friends for a few days longer. In the meantime business men will subserve their best interests by sending in their advertisements and special notices as soon as possible, to room No. 7, Downey Block, up stairs, so as to avail themselves of an extra large first issue.

GROSS & HARRIS.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in adjourned session last evening, President Moran in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The following suggestions were submitted by the Mayor:

TO THE HONORABLE THE COUNCIL—*Gentlemen:*

Some of our gutters are in a foul condition; our streets need cleaning; the city prisoners can by no means do the work; I therefore recommend that the Superintendent of Streets be instructed to employ men and carts, the number and price to be fixed by you, and proceed at once to improve the condition of our thoroughfares. It has been suggested that the sum of three hundred dollars per annum can be saved to the city by removing the top from the covered bridge across Los Angeles river and thus do away with the necessity of a keeper, lights, etc., as the cover is neither ornamental nor useful, but rather a nuisance, and, as in my opinion, it can be sold for more than its removal would cost, I recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of a committee, with power to act in the premises, in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors.

Referred to the Board of Public Works.

The Auditor presented his usual report, showing the condition of the various funds in the City Treasury. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of the City Auditor, recommending that the sum of $410.84, R. R. I. & S. Fund of 1868, and the sum of $228.04, School I. & S. Fund of 1872, be transferred to the bond fund of 1881. Ordered carried out.

The City Clerk reported receipt from the Real Estate Associates of $19.80 special school tax of 1875. Approved.

Weekly report of Zanjero of work done on the city ditches. Referred to appropriate committee.

The City Attorney presented ordinance granting franchise to East Los Angeles and Main-street Railroad Company. Adopted.

Also, contract and bond of Thomas Copley to grade Fort street, between Sixth and Seventh streets. Approved.

Also, contract with Joseph H. Smith to construct pipe line on Flower street. Approved, the work to be finished October 1, 1883.

Bond of Adams & French, for putting up names of streets, Louis Roeder and A. Brunson as sureties. Approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Board of Public Works presented a report as follows:

Recommend that quit-claim deed of J. Bernard to Bernard street be accepted. Adopted.

Present resolution of intention to grade and improve Hill street, between Temple and Court House streets. Adopted.

The protest of A. Merriam and others, not representing a majority of the property owners, a resolution is herewith presented establishing the grade of Hope street, between Temple street and the north boundary of the Normal School. Adopted.

Recommend that M. H. Ledbetter be paid $1,000 on account of work on First street and Aliso street bridges. So ordered, $500 on each fund.

Also, that J. V. York be paid $200 on account of grading Bunker Hill avenue. Disapproved.

In the matter of the petition of D. G. Stephens, recommend that the City Surveyor be instructed to mark the lines as desired. So ordered.

Resolution to establish the grade of Turner street, between Alameda and Vignes streets. Adopted.

Resolution to establish the grade of Ducommun street. Adopted.

Resolution to establish the grade of Olive street, from Sixth to Twelfth street. Adopted.

Resolution to establish the grade of Charity street, from Sixth to Twelfth street. Adopted.

Resolution to establish the grade of Seventh street, from Pearl to Spring street. Adopted.

Recommend that the City Surveyor be instructed to propose a grade for Sanchez street. So ordered.

Recommend that strips of land, twenty feet in width, on each side of the official bed of the Los Angeles river, from the covered bridge on Macy street to the Seventh street crossing of said river, be granted to property owners facing on said river for the purpose of constructing levees on both sides of said river, the property owners to enter into a written contract to complete the work by the first of November next. Adopted

Mr. Schieffelin moved that the Board of Public Works be instructed to open Aurora street according to plans and specifications. Adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented a report approving the usual monthly bills, and recommended that warrants be drawn for their payment. So ordered.

The Committee on Sewers presented the following report:

In matter of petition of N. W. Stowell & Co. relative to formulæ for the manufacture of asbestine stone pipe, recommend that said formulæ as given be adopted by the Council for the manufacture of sewer pipe. Adopted.

Recommend that the Clerk of the Council be instructed to advertise for proposals for the construction of the Hill and Seventh street sewer in sections. Also, proposals for San Fernando Street Sewer No. 2. So ordered.

The Committee on Zanjas presented a report, which was acted on as follows:

In the matter of amount of water used by the Los Angeles City Water Company, the Committee have the matter under consideration, and will report at next meeting. Further time granted.

In matter of Nichols ditch passing through lot of Mrs. Van der Does, recommend that the Zanjero be instructed to have the same piped, she having deposited one-half the cost of same. So ordered.

Recommend that Hambrook & Ward be notified to put rack in Zanja Madre, to prevent rubbish from choking side zanjas. Adopted.

Mr. Lyle, representative of the Standard Oil Company, by permission, was heard. He stated that his company has completed arrangements for the erection of works on the Mahlstedt property, and asked that the city pipe the zanja which runs through the property. His company are ready and anxious to proceed with their work, but do not want to be subjected to the additional expense of piping the zanja.

Mr. Schieffelin and Mr. Kuhrts took ground in opposition to the city doing this work, the Standard Oil Company, they held, being amply able to do the work at their own expense.

Mr. Ryan stated that he understood Mr. Milliken had made a liberal offer in regard to piping the ditch in question, and moved that the matter be referred to the Zanja Committee to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Schieffelin moved that the electric post in front of the railroad depot be removed to the junction of Downey avenue and San Fernando street, and that the post at the corner of Upper Main and Alameda streets be discontinued. Referred to the Gas Committee, to report at the next meeting.

The Board of Health reported that they had caused platforms to be placed in front of sprinkling cart hydrants. Approved.

Recommend that a pipe be laid from the Zanja Madre to supply sprinkling cart hydrant on Alameda street. Referred to the Board of Public Works with power to act.

Mr. Kuhrts moved that the Clerk be instructed to notify the City Water Company to remove sprinkling hydrant from Nadeau Block to northeast corner of First and Fort streets and send bill to Council. So ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of Eliza J. Boney to be allowed to do grading in front of her property on Clay street. Granted, and sixty days' time to do the work.

Petition of A. R. Loomis and others to change the grade of Sand street. Referred to Board of Public Works.

Petition of D. Batz to use part of Aliso street for building material. Granted.

Petition of A. Brunson and J. Brousseau for the establishment of the grade of Charity street, between Second and Third streets. Referred to the Board of Public Works.

Petition of T. D. Mott and others asking that the alley extending from First to Second streets, between Main and Spring streets, be named and the grade established. Same reference.

Petition of George E. Milliken to erect platform scales on the sidewalk in front of his place on Ann street. Same reference.

Petition of C. A. Brown asking that Nichols ditch be piped through his lot, he agreeing to pay one-half the cost of same. Referred to the Zanja Committee.

Petition of S. H. Hazledine to connect property of C. W. Bush with Los Angeles street sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Also, to be allowed to use part of Requena street for building material. Granted.

Communication from H. J. Stephenson in relation to new map of city which he is preparing. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Petition of J. M. Guinn and others for change of grade on Charity street. Referred to the Board of Public Works.

Petition of Wm. M. Rodgers for permission to use water from Zanja 9 E, East Los Angeles, for domestic purposes. Referred to Committee on Zanjas and the Zanjero.

Adjourned.

COURT REPORTS.

Superior Court, Sepulveda, J.
MONDAY, July 16, 1883.

Singer Manufacturing Co. vs. White et al.—Motion to retax costs heard and submitted.

Lemon vs. Lemon—Default entered; decree ordered as prayed for.

People vs. Horace Bell—Information for libel filed; warrant issued; defendant allowed to go on his own recognizance.

People vs. Tomas Serrano—Sentence deferred till 10 A. M. to-morrow.

People vs. Araminto Costillo—Murder—On trial.

People vs. Horace Bell—Given until 10 A. M. Wednesday to plead.

People vs. Henry King—Same order.

People vs. Peter Ruiz—By consent of District Attorney, plead guilty of petit larceny; sentenced to sixty days in jail.

Miller vs. Haist—Ten days further time to answer.

In re M. Prindeville, an insane—Adjudged insane, and committed to Stockton Asylum.

In re Sarah Winters, an insane—Same order.

HOWARD, J.

Newman et al. vs. Ewing—Judgment for defendant—Ten days' stay.

Quinby vs. Butler et al.—Set for trial August 14, 1883, at 10 A. M. by consent.

Pico et al. vs. Sepulveda et al.—Motion for new trial set for July 20th, at 2:30 P. M.

Workman vs. Garvey—Defendant allowed two days to file points.

Kimball et al. vs. Avise et al.—Motion to strike out part of defendant's answer passed.

In re Guardianship of Elise Winchester Dana and George Murray Dana, minors—Report of referee on final account of guardian presented and confirmed and filed, and final account settled and allowed as rendered.

In re Estate of Jacob Bumiller, deceased—E. F. Spence appointed guardian *ad litem* of the minor children of deceased.

In re Estate of T. H. Ellsworth, deceased—Order to show cause on application to sell real estate filed.

In re Estate of Norbert Des Autels, deceased—Final account allowed and distribution ordered.

In re Guardianship of A. Bila, a minor — Continued until July 23, at 10 A. M.

SET FOR TO-DAY.

Estate of Juana R. de Ramirez.

Rifle Practice.

At the contest between the members of the Los Angeles Rifle Club at the new range on Sunday, great interest was evinced by all present. The new range is in the Arroyo Seco, near the pipe factory, and is at present a 200-yard range, but can be extended to a 500-yard or even a 1000-yard range. The land belongs to W. A. Frick, who allows the club the use of it. Fifteen members participated on Sunday out of a membership of thirty-five men. Mr. W. A. Frick won the medal with a score of forty-six out of a possible fifty. F. J. Holbrook, Ben Strauss and J. Smith following with scores of forty-four each. Four or five others made forty or over, while the remaining six fell below that mark. Adolph Strauss and John Frick acted as scorers. These contests are proving of great interest, and attract numerous spectators.

Water Developments.

The large laguna in the Santa Margarita valley, about a mile and a half above the old Forster ranch-house, is to be improved and turned into a grand storage reservoir for irrigating the large area of rich but heretofore dry land below. The ditches are now in course of construction, and this invaluable enterprise will soon become an assured fact. Indeed, it is strange that it was never accomplished before. The water supply will be taken from the Santa Margarita creek, which rises in the Temelula cañon, and runs a fine stream the year round.

To-day but not to-morrow—Opera Ottoman silk, 48 cents, colossal clearance, People's Store.

Another Suicide.

Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock the chambermaid at the lodging house on the corner of First and Wilmington streets, found that the door of one of the rooms had remained fastened during Sunday and was still locked at that hour. Her fears were aroused and she notified Mr. Reece Paynter, living in the same building, who looked over the transom and saw a man partially suspended by a colored silk handkerchief around his neck to one of the bedposts in the room. He at once came to the office of the Chief of Police and informed him of the fact, and officer McMahon proceeded to the place. The door being fastened he procured a ladder and mounted to the window of the room in the second story and found the body of a man lying dead with part of his body on the floor and his head and chest held in suspension by a silk handkerchief, which was around his neck and around one of the bed-posts of the bedstead. He notified Coroner Nadeau, who had the door opened and the body removed to the undertaking rooms of Messrs. Ponet & Orr, where an inquest was held at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Reece Paynter testified that he knew the deceased, who said he came from Berkeley, in this State, was a painter by trade, about 35 years old, and in the habit of drinking to excess at certain times. He saw him last on Friday. In the pockets of the deceased were several handbills of the Young Men's Christian Association, and of the Fountain Theater, a plug of tobacco and pocket knife, and a card signed W. W. Creighton. He had known the deceased about a month. Had taken him home from time to time when he was drunk. Knew no reason for the act. The Coroner stated that when he found the deceased he did not wait to untie the handkerchief, but cut it asunder. The foreman of the jury took the two portions of the handkerchief and pulled on them moderately, when the ends drew out of the knot very easily, showing that there was but very little pressure used, and that the knot was held in its grip and integrity by resting under the chin of the deceased.

Had half the weight of the body rested on the handkerchief, the knot would have slipped and the victim been saved. This fact seems to indicate that the deceased was in a state of intoxication, and, after divesting himself of his coat, vest and shoes, put the handkerchief around his neck and over the bedpost, and, sitting on the floor in a side-long position, leaned his throat on the handkerchief and deliberately strangled himself to death, while he could have reached the floor or the bedpost with his hands, and prevented the catastrophe, if he had been so disposed.

Officer McMahon testified that he was called to the place, and tried the door, but found it fastened. Got a ladder and climbed through the window. It was in the second story, and the door was bolted on the inside. His handkerchief was tied around his neck, his right hand lying on the side of the bed, and his left hand hanging down over the side, grasping a shoe. I then went after the Coroner. Have seen deceased several times on the street, but don't know his name. I saw him full, once. The room was clean and orderly, and everything in its place. The bed had not been slept in. There was a bottle of morphine with a spoonfull of that drug in it, hid under some dirty clothes under the washstand. It did not look as if it had been used lately. The left hand, which was hanging down, was blue, on account of the stoppage of the circulation of the blood.

Question by the foreman—"Did he appear to have struggled much?"

"No, for the bed was not disturbed and his body and arms were in a natural position."

The jury then retired, and after a short deliberation, returned a verdict as follows:

"Deceased came to his death by hanging with suicidal intent."

(Signed) P. E. BENEDICT, Foreman.
J. S. DOW.
ANTONIO ARGUELLO,
W. ROBERTS,
S. S. CHAFFEE,
J. C. COX,
J. W. LADOW.

Board of Trade.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held yesterday afternoon. Present: Gibson, Haas, Dodsworth, Newmark and Van Nuys. After an informal discussion of the proposition made at the general meeting held last Saturday the motion was unanimously adopted, "That the Los Angeles Board of Trade appropriates $500 towards defraying the expenses of the Southern California exhibit at the Louisville Exposition, provided that an additional sum of $1,000 be raised by the county at large for the same object."

On motion it was resolved to postpone the appointment of manager of the exhibit until a subsequent meeting.

The bill of H. D. W. Gibson & Co, for $296 for printing 10,000 copies of a thirty-two page pamphlet at $9.25 per page was audited, and, on motion, the Secretary directed to draw a warrant on the Treasurer for the amount.

A communication was read from the San Francisco Board of Trade, proposing joint action of the two Boards for the collection of debts other than in ordinary mercantile business.

On motion it was received, placed on file, and the President and Secretary instructed to execute the contract.

Adjourned.

Steamer Passengers.

The public is beginning to appreciate the replacing of the steamers Los Angeles and Constitution on the San Pedro route. The Los Angeles, on her last trip, carried but two passengers, the Constitution followed with nine, while the Los Angeles left with eleven passengers, as follows:

San Francisco—J H Tennentt, J B Tennentt, P Olsen, George Savage, S E Davis, Charles Bank, William Storbereck, M S Willard, F Cunnee, W Cunnee.

Port Harford—W J Grable.

Notice.

I am compelled to make room for other goods, to arrive soon. On that account I will close out my stock of spring wagons at very low figures. I will sell

1-inch axle, 3-spring wagon.....$125
1½-inch axle, 3 spring wagon.....$130
1¼-inch axle, 3 spring wagon.....$135

Platform and 4-spring wagons in proportion. A few Oshkosh open buggies will be closed out at $100. These goods I consider by far the best value ever offered on this Coast, as they are first-class work, and fully warranted. Be sure and see them before buying.

H. GIESE,
je24-1m 25 Aliso street, L. A.

HOTEL ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL

J P Melbury, City — H F Cooper, S F
S J Flemming, L Vegas — A Della Cass, S F
D P Mahan, do — Mrs J White & ch, Mo
D E Colby, Berkeley — Mrs W J Vogel strikes, do
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