

THE MIDWINTER FAIR PLAN.

Southern California Will Loyally Support the Project.

Proceedings of the Meeting Held at the Chamber of Commerce.

Delegates From All the Neighboring Counties—An Extra Session of the Legislature Demanded for an Appropriation.

The special conference of delegates from the counties of Southern California to discuss the advisability of taking part in the proposed midwinter fair at San Francisco, met at the chamber of commerce room yesterday afternoon, and an interesting meeting was held.

The following delegates were present from Los Angeles county and representing the chamber of commerce: Messrs. Dan Freeman, Charles Forman, K. Cohn and C. D. Willard; from the board of supervisors: Judge Charles Silent, A. E. Pomeroy; from the Pomona board of trade: Mr. John Watson; from the state committee: Mr. John L. Slanson.

Mr. R. H. Young represented the board of supervisors and the chamber of commerce of San Diego county.

Mr. W. S. Taylor was present from the chamber of commerce of Orange county, and Mr. F. A. Foster by the board of supervisors, and Mr. George M. Smith were in attendance from Ventura county.

Riverside was represented by the board of supervisors' committee composed of Messrs. J. R. Newberry and E. E. Hamilton; E. W. Wholm and J. P. Baumgarten also helped to represent the new county.

San Bernardino county was Mr. J. C. Lynch, appointed by the board of supervisors.

Mr. Slawson was called to the chair, and Mr. Willard acted as secretary.

The roll of the counties was first called, after which the various representatives were called upon for some expression as to the sentiments of their respective districts toward the project.

Mr. Young of San Diego county spoke first. He said the people and the board of supervisors of his county were heartily in favor of the fair. They considered it a valuable work, and one that would bring people to the state. They were ready and willing to do their share toward the project.

Mr. Taylor followed. The board of supervisors of Orango county, he said, had taken no action as yet in regard to the fair, but the chamber of commerce was the representative and leading organization in the county, and it heartily favored the fair. He felt positive that the board of supervisors also would help the matter so far as lay within their power.

Mr. Foster of Ventura spoke on behalf of the northern county. Their board of supervisors had already appointed a committee, and while their's was a small county it had always come forward to do its share, and was now ready for the present fair.

George M. Smith also spoke. He extolled the advantages to be derived from the midwinter fair. It would, he said, be of more benefit to this section than even the world's fair, which every one knew had already accomplished much for the nation.

Mr. Newberry spoke for Riverside.

His county had, he said, been greatly embarrassed in sustaining its part of the world's fair by lack of funds, but that it would endeavor to assist the midwinter project so far as possible. He complimented Los Angeles county upon the enterprise it has always shown in such matters. He wanted the outside counties to extend their congratulations to this county as he did upon this occasion. This county had, he continued, showed most excellent judgment in placing Mr. Frank Wiggins in charge of the exhibit at Chicago. He was the right and the best man for the place.

Mr. Lynch said that the supervisors of San Bernardino county were strongly in favor of the midwinter fair, but that he did not see where the funds were to come from, unless the legislature passed a special enabling act allowing the appropriation of funds by the counties. There was no other means so far as his county was concerned except by private subscription, and previous experience in this respect had shown the latter plan to be impracticable in the extreme.

Mr. Wholm said that Riverside county had been handicapped for funds, and thought that the expenses of the present event should come out of the public funds in order that every person would thus bear a share of the appropriation and prevent many from escaping, as well as the case with private subscription.

Mr. Watson stated that the Pomona board of trade had done plenty of exhibit work, and would be glad to help towards the proposed midwinter fair. He wanted to know, however, where the most of the money was to come from, and especially urged upon the meeting the necessity before entering fully into the project to ascertain whether or not San Francisco could be counted upon for the money promised.

A general discussion upon the most practicable means of obtaining the money to enable the various counties to help the fair then followed, and it was finally agreed that the only means would be for the counties to appropriate the money from the public funds. In order that the enabling act be passed a special session of the legislature will have to be called. But in calling this Governor Markham will be placed in an embarrassing position.

When Senator Stanford died the legislature had already adjourned and would not reassemble for two more years except upon special call. It remained for Governor Markham to appoint a successor to Senator Stanford to serve out his term. As is well known ex-Governor Perkins was appointed.

If the legislature should be called before the time to which it adjourned, this appointment by the governor will have no weight and the legislature will have the right to disregard the appointment and select a man of their own choice.

The legislature is Democratic by a small majority, and if such a special session was called it might relegate Mr. Perkins to private life once more. As Governor Markham has appointed Mr. Perkins, and knowing of this law, it would seem like a breach of faith to call the special session.

On the other hand the success of the fair depends largely upon the help that it receives from the counties which will be powerless without the enabling act. This, however, cannot be passed unless the special session is called. In the meeting the two questions, one of the finances and the other of the necessary special session, were talked over. Judge

Silent explained the situation to the convention. He suggested, however, that enough pledges could be obtained from members not to vote on the senatorial so as to remove all objections on this ground to the special session and to thus enable Governor Markham to call it and also keep faith with Mr. Perkins. A long and spirited discussion followed, it being generally agreed that the special session is imperative.

The next question discussed was what the railroads would do to help the fair and whether or not they would divert all of the advantage to themselves. It was stated that Mr. Crocker had made a proposition to the northern committee but that it practically barred Southern California out, San Francisco being made the terminus.

His proposition was also only conditional upon the other transcontinental line agreeing to it.

A committee was finally appointed consisting of Messrs. Freeman, Forman, Willard, Silent and Young who retired and soon returned with the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, The city of San Francisco promises to raise a sum of half a million dollars for a midwinter fair; and

Whereas, Such an undertaking would be of great advantage to all sections of the state in attracting visitors and settlers from the east; therefore it

Resolved, By this meeting of delegates from the counties of Southern California, that we are thoroughly in sympathy with the enterprise as outlined by the San Francisco people, and promise our hearty support.

Resolved, That we believe an enterprise of this magnitude and importance should receive the support, not of private subscription alone, but of the state and all its counties, and to that end we would advocate that whenever the proposed sum of \$500,000 shall have been subscribed in San Francisco, and whenever substantial guarantees have been received from the transcontinental and local roads that they will give satisfactory freight and passenger rates from the eastern states to all terminal points in Southern California, to all points in the state and from and to all points in the west. The legislature be called by the governor to make an appropriation of such a sum as may be deemed necessary to place the fair on a proper footing, and also to pass an act allowing the individual counties to appropriate money to provide for their exhibits.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the proper committee of the midwinter fair in San Francisco in regard to railroad transportation rates to and from the fair and as to length of time of stay in California on low fare tickets. This was amended that said committee be the executive committee and that the delegates appointed by the board of supervisors of the various southern counties to the convention at San Francisco in the interest of the midwinter fair, constitute the general committee. Carried.

The following gentlemen were appointed to act as such committee with power to appoint alternates: Charles Forman, Hosmer P. McKoon, L. J. Rose.

On motion of Judge Silent the chairman of the meeting was requested to see the board of supervisors in regard to the appointment of delegates to the convention at San Francisco.

It was moved and carried that the executive committee represent the assembled convention or association at the San Francisco convention.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

AH MOON'S TRIAL.

The Ingenious Theory of the Defense Further Brought Out.

The second day of the defense in the trial of Ah Moon, charged with the murder of Guey How, was productive of no particularly sensational incidents.

The defense continued building up its theory that the defendant did not stab the unfortunate woman, but that Ah Lipp did, to prevent her from running away with the defendant.

Mr. Teek was subjected to further cross-examination during the morning. He stuck to his story that he went up to Guey How's home the morning of the killing to help him steal Guey How from the clutches of Ah Lipp and Tom Bing, who were keeping her there for purposes of prostitution.

He was followed by Ah Quon who was with Ah Teek, and stood with him at the head of the landing while Ah Moon went after Guey How, and was interrupted by Ah Lipp, the tragedy being.

Ah Quon testified almost identically like Ah Teek. They were trying to help their friend, the defendant, take Guey How away to some other city where he could marry her. They went with him to the building and when they heard the screams and shots ran away.

Ah Yem, a laundryman, testified that the defendant worked for him for a number of months, and was a steady worker. He slept in the same room with the defendant and never saw him with a knife.

Officer Bosqui testified that the reputation of the house where Guey How lived was that of a house of prostitution.

The defense now began a line of testimony that was new in the case and caused red hot cross-examinations of the witnesses.

Ah Due, a smiling celestia, said that he smoked opium in Ah Lipp's room two weeks before the shooting and got some sugar cane. Ah Lipp peeled the cane with a knife. On being shown the knife with which Guey How was stabbed the witness said that it was like the knife Ah Lipp had. He could not swear positively that it was the knife.

Dave Ferner, clerk in his mother's pawn shop, testified that he sold Ah Lipp a hunting knife similar to the one in evidence about three months ago. He went to Chinatown with Fred Smith a few days ago and identified Ah Lipp as the Chinaman who bought the knife.

Ben Ferner, brother of the preceding witness, was present when the knife was bought, and it was identified by him.

Quock Kee, a Chinese merchant, testified to the good reputation the defendant has always borne.

After some further testimony in the same line an adjournment was taken until Monday morning, when the trial was resumed.

The *Galen Institute*, Office, 305½ South Spring street, Los Angeles. From their experience in the hospitals of Europe and America their knowledge of the rapid advancements that have been made in diagnosing and treating diseases in the last few years can tell the probability of a cure in all cases of chronic diseases. They make every case a special study, and will not take any case unless there is a moral certainty of making a complete cure. They will guarantee a complete cure in every case they take for treatment. Services free of charge.

SURE-ENOUGH MIRACLE.

A Dead Man Disputes the Diagnosis of a Police Surgeon.

The name of A. C. Sutherland is not only a familiar one in the theatrical world, but has been a drawing card during the past season in this city at the Park theater. Patrons of that house will better remember him in his roles of Gideon Bloodgood in *The Streets of New York*, Michael Sparta in *Siberia*, Bummer Shutz in *M'liss* and Salem Scudder in this week's play of the Octagon, and will be pleased to know that the French Spy, recently enacted in this city, is his own adaptation. All our readers will remember that early in this month Mr. Sutherland rather eclipsed all these realistic roles by falling dead in front of the Los Angeles postoffice. That on that occasion the patrol wagon conveyed him to the police station, where he was pronounced a case of suicide by morphine, and that contrivance which asked no questions but succeeds to show up the true inwardness of man—the stomach pump, was called into requisition, without any intelligent result, for once.

However, as Mr. S. has been obliging enough to come to life and accord one of the HERALD staff an interview, he will be accorded the privilege of being his own coroner, and give his own version:

You are considered somewhat of a veteran of the stage, are you not, Mr. S.?

Well, 10 years would perhaps be considered a long term in some lines of experience.

Have you devoted your entire time during that period to the stage?

Yes, when sober, with the exception of some experience as book-keeper.

The latter is considered the best birth of the two, is it not?

I liked it, but unfortunately liked liquor better and could therefore seldom retain a position long.

Does this account for your non-appearance in your part during the last night of Oliver Twist in this city?

Yes.

Then your supposed case of suicide, June 1st, near the postoffice, was a case of dead drunk?

Exactly. I had been a drinking man for 19 years, during 17 years of which I drank in excess, despite heroic attempts at reform. During the past five years, up to June 1st, I had been on a continued booze, which culminated at that time in a complete collapse. That drunk has, however, been my last up to date, and I trust forever.

You do not mean to say you no longer feel pain after drink?

I have no pain to fear.

Rather a sudden change for a case of your kind, is it not?

Not at all. On the 4th of this month I commenced treatment at the Castle Cure institute, in Opera House block of this city, under the supervision of E. M. Brickey, the manager. I was allowed to drink, however, from the first, but all desire to do so gradually disappeared, until now I feel no further longing whatever for drink.

I have no fear to fear.

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Superintendent Gregory visited Menifee yesterday on matters pertaining to the schools of that place.

The W. R. C. held a very enjoyable picnic yesterday at Miss Leach's, on Central avenue.

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S. F. West of Chicago is visiting relatives here.

The dance at Newport last night was an enjoyable affair.

Forty carloads of barley have already been shipped from this city.

Emmanuel Frazen, aged 27 years, and Mary Gathman, aged 25 years, both of McPherson, were licensed to wed yesterday.

Spargeon's open house is to be enlarged and otherwise greatly improved.

A petition is being circulated and extensively signed by the residents of the tent city requesting the city council to appoint A. J. Wood to the place made vacant by the resignation of J. S. Pittman.

It would be to the interest of parties visiting Long Beach to call at Fetterman & Son's livery and feed stable on First street, where carriages and buggies are to be had at reasonable rates.

The Fetterman House on Pine ave. only one block from the new wharf, furnish their patrons with good accommodations at popular prices. Rate for season moderate.

A. O. Thompson, aged 31 years, and Eliza Harris, aged 22 years, both of Westminster, were licensed to wed to day and Rev. Hopkins performed the ceremony in the parlor of the Richelle hotel. The couple will reside at Westminster.

Itching, Aching Piles—Hall's Cream Salve will give immediate relief and is a positive cure. 25 and 50c. Off & Vaughn's drug store, Fourth and Spring st.

Taking Advantage.

For the past sixty days many people have taken advantage of the low prices for which McKinnon & Shattock, 112½ South Spring street, have been advertising. They have papered and decorated at about one-half the former prices.

What a remarkable reduction for artistic ability stands above all competition.

Refining from the wall paper trade and are selling goods at much less than cost, some

white goods, linens, leather, Linen

crust, etc., are being offered at prices