

THE VALLEY ROAD LOOKING FOR AN ACQUANTANCE ON THE WATER FRONT.

San Francisco has not much to offer the Valley Railroad when terminal facilities on the water front are brought into discussion. The different basins south of Market street are about all that may be considered, so far as location and area are concerned.

The most interesting topic of conversation on the streets yesterday was the move of the valley road to secure legislative permission to occupy lands on the water front for terminal purposes.

The total area of the lots, 1 to 16, north of Market street, which the bill proposes to give the Harbor Commissioners power to lease for a term of twenty-five years, is a little over thirteen acres. They lie along the front from Drumm street to Powell.

The only pieces of property controlled by the Harbor Commission, except the lots along the front which are of too small area to be the object of the amendment to the Harbor Commission bill, are China, Central, India, South and Drydock basins. The area of China basin, on the lines laid

Limited Facilities That the Great City of San Francisco Is Able to Offer to a Competing Line.

down by the Tide Land Commission, is forty-nine and a half acres.

The line for the proposed seawall, as laid down in the Harbor Commission's maps, would reduce the area about ten acres.

The Southern Pacific Company has a wharf and warehouses on China basin, and with the property it owns along the west side, practically controls it. It has a sidewalk running over its property below Fourth street not far from the west line of the basin and along the whole length of the southwest side to its wharf on the water front.

This fact would seem to have a tendency to cause the directors to turn their attention toward the other basins farther to the south, although they may have outlined a

plan by which adverse surroundings may be overcome.

Central basin is just beyond China basin and covers an area of about forty acres.

India basin is much larger than China basin, covering about seventy-five acres, or twenty-five more than the proposed amendment would allow the Harbor Commissioners to lease to the new road and lies two and a half miles south of China basin.

Drydock basin covers about thirty acres and South basin a little over eighty acres.

Engineer Holmes said: "As the law now stands China, Central, India, South and Drydock basins and Channel street are reserved as part of the navigable waters of the bay, although the line of the proposed seawall is drawn across their fronts. It is

provided, however, that there must be openings in the seawall whenever it is built to give access to these basins. The commission in 1875 recommended that this reservation be made, and it was done by the Legislature in the act of March 15, 1878. The act provides that the basins shall be dredged out and that openings shall be made in the seawall whenever it is built. This act would have to be repealed before the basins could be given over to the purpose proposed. If China basin should be filled in there would probably be objections from the Southern Pacific Company, which owns most of the land fronting on it. From India basin there would be a good entrance into the city, and I should think that would be most available."

Harbor Commissioner Bassett said: "I think that there would be plenty of accommodations for a terminus of a local road north of Market street, but, of course, with Eastern connections they would be cramped for room, and it would be necessary in that case to go south where the only available property is, in the basins. If I were to remain a member of the board I should certainly be in favor of doing all that I could in the matter."

Commissioner Cole said that he would certainly vote for the China basin if the valley road people want to come in there. "I will do anything that I can to help them in getting good facilities for coming into the city," he said. "It is a matter of no choice with the commission whether the new line lands north of Market street or at the China basin."

President Spreckels and the other members of the committee which went to Sacramento returned last night. They say they are satisfied with the result of their efforts.

San Jose people are disposed to look upon the recent developments in Sacramento as favorable to their route through the Santa Clara Valley. They say that if it was proposed to run the line out through Alameda County the place where the largest amount of ground would be required would be on the opposite side of the bay, where the yards would necessarily be. The necessary accommodations for a ferry service, they point out, will be secured without the necessity of asking for a large body of land as the valley road people are evidently after.

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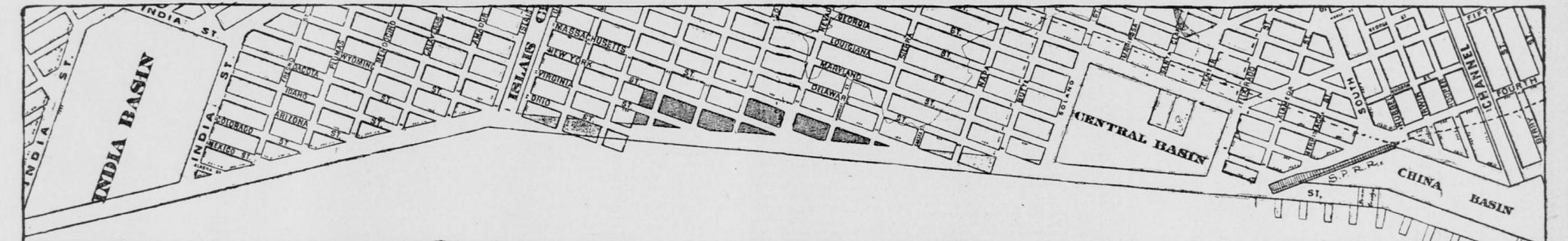
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Profile of the Water Front South of Market Street, Showing Possible Terminal Points.

OAKLAND'S WOTE FOR THE ROAD.

A LIST OF PERSONS WHO HAVE PROMISED THE FIRST \$200,000.

ENDING A MIXED CAMPAIGN.

MRS. ANNA L. CAMERON WANTS HER PROPERTY RETURNED TO HER.

"You will see by this list," said Attorney Davis of the terminal committee yesterday, "that all classes are represented. Nearly every county officer has responded liberally to the call of the committee, and we fully expect that before the time comes to make a showing, Oakland will be seen in the front ranks with almost \$500,000 on her subscription books. This list has nothing to do with the proposition of M. J. Keller and others, and as far as we know, they have as yet no list."

The following are the subscribers and the amount subscribed to the new Valley road up to date:

Table listing names and amounts of subscribers to the Valley Road project, including individuals like E. A. Howard, M. C. Kinyon, and various companies.

Ending a Hot Campaign. To-morrow Oakland will vote for men to fill its city offices from Mayor down, including Councilmen and School Directors,

and will enter upon a new order of things from the fact that the old Board of Public Works, dominated by what is termed "de gang," will be supplanted by a new board to be made up of the Mayor, City Attorney and City Engineer. To be elected to the latter offices have heretofore been appointed.

The campaign has been short but decidedly hot. This is particularly the case with the heads of the respective tickets. J. W. Nelson, a Republican, is also the candidate for Mayor of the Democrats and Non-Partisans, while John L. Davis leads the forces of the Populists and all other opposition to Nelson. The latter is put down as a winner, although the Davis forces are very confident of success.

The issue of the campaign has been made the recovery of the water front to the city, and the Non-Partisans, who have been chiefly instrumental in bringing the water-front matter to its present status, have renominated most of their present Councilmen and they have all signed the following pledge:

I pledge myself to vote and labor for the continued prosecution of the water-front suits. My best efforts shall be given to maintain the pending charges and taxed and uncompensated to a final judgment of the courts of last resort.

For the various offices there are numerous candidates. For instance, in the Sixth Ward there are less than eleven candidates for the Council.

In all there are five tickets in the field, but in some instances Republicans have nominated Democrats, while Democrats have endorsed Republicans and Non-Partisans have chosen both. Only the People's party cling to straight party lines, with a few minor exceptions.

Indecent acts were very numerous in the fight and have bobbed up all along the line for all offices. The fight on the treasury is particularly interesting and promises to be close. Cleve Dam is making an extra effort for this place and his friends say his prospects are good.

For City Attorney there are only two candidates, strange to say. Cary Howard has nominations from the Non-Partisans and Democrats, while James K. Pierson is the nominee of the Populists and Republicans. The latter party first nominated James Johnson and Fred Button for this office, but these gentlemen refused to accept as against Howard.

All in all politics are very much chopped up in Oakland, and when the votes are counted there are sure to be many surprises.

The Cash "Called Back."

In an amended complaint, filed by Attorneys Chapman, Bradley and Garrity, in the case of Mrs. Anna L. Cameron vs. Nellie E. Barter, plaintiff's daughter, she alleges that she conveyed certain property to Mrs. Barter in escrow, as she contemplated a trip to Japan for her health, but the conveyance was understood to go into effect only in case of her death. Her daughter had the conveyance recorded, and has claimed the property ever since. Hyatt as value \$25,000. There was also \$750 in cash, which was given into the hands of defendant, that has never been accounted for.

Mrs. Cameron asks for judgment setting aside the deed for the property in question and for \$750 in cash. The defendant is represented by Attorneys E. M. Gibson and Welles Whitmore.

Strings on Their Deposits.

The Piedmont Consolidated Cable Company property is to be sold at public auction on Wednesday next. Tuesday, the employees, who were compelled to put up \$20 a week when they took service with the company, are getting anxious about that money, which is said to have been used by the receiver, Fitzgerald and Abbott, on behalf of the carmen who have petitioned the court to reserve \$1200 from the proceeds of the sale and that the employees be made preferred creditors.

The court is asked by the same attorneys to set aside \$25,000 from the proceeds of Margaret Wallace, who has a damage suit pending for that amount.

\$500 Instead of \$20,000.

The jury last night awarded O. C. Hyatt, the man with a broken neck, \$500 damages, after deliberating for several hours. Hyatt sued the Oakland Consolidated road for \$20,000 for injuries sustained in a collision of defendant's car with his wagon. The case has been bitterly contested all week in Judge Greene's court.

Notes.

Secretary Kaufman of the Board of Public Works, at the auction sale of the old Lalayette School buildings yesterday, received bids aggregating \$331.50. This is just twice the amount of the old bids. Minnie Stroelke, the 15-year-old fiend who attempted to feed poisoned glass to the family in which she was employed, was sent to the reform school yesterday. McNamara, Montrose and Penton, three members of the Industrial Army, were found guilty in the Police Court yesterday of drunkenness, using vulgar language and disturbing the peace. They will be sentenced on Monday. The next attraction promised by the Reliance Club members in a short time will be a travesty upon "Romeo and Juliet" with all the popular amateurs in the cast.

ALAMEDA.

Chairman I. P. Allen of the Harmony Hall Non-Partisan party has issued a call for the convention to be held Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. The executive committee held a meeting last evening, and steps have been taken to have the party reorganized by law as a party in future

CALIFORNIA WINES GROWING IN FAVOR.

BETTER PRICES REWARD THE ACTION OF WINE-MAKERS AND DEALERS.

NO ATTEMPT AT A CORNER.

GREATER CONSUMPTION AND DECREASED PRODUCTION STRONG FACTORS.

In a recent editorial Editor Dana of the New York Sun took occasion to state that the prices of California wines and fruits were unduly and largely advanced by the "wine and fruit syndicates," as he termed them, and added: "The wine people believe California claret has become so popular in this part of the country that they can hold the market, though they put up the price of their product in the face of the French article. They had better be cautious. The popularity of the California claret is largely due to its exceeding cheapness."

"In like manner, the fruit people, while raising the price of oranges, are so bold as to say that the Eastern markets cannot get along without California fruit. They think that, as the Florida crop has been injured this year, we are at their mercy. It is a mistake. New York is not dependent upon either Florida or California for its oranges."

When Ferdinand Frohman, a representative of the California Wine Association, composed of seven of the largest local wine-makers, was spoken of regarding Editor Dana's ebullition, he smiled and in a confident tone remarked: "Editor Dana will probably soon be able to write some more editorials on the rise in the price of California wines, but regarding the trouble to inform himself of the condition of this industry in the past and present he would know that the advance recently made was based upon natural causes and was not the work of a 'combine' nor the result of a corner."

"Up to last summer, owing to the bitter competition waged between the San Francisco dealers for the control of the New York market, everybody in the wine industry, from the grape-grower to the dealer, had been losing money for at least three years. This was readily seen when the fact is stated that the price for dry wines, that is, claret and charet, have steadily declined during the past ten years from 45 cents a gallon to 12 1/2 cents."

"When a number of grapegrowers began tearing up their vines, the wine-makers and wine-dealers began to realize that the industry in which they had their capital invested was in danger of being annihilated by reason of the war being waged among themselves, and which, among other things, forced the price of grapes down to where there was absolutely no chance for the vitiiculturist to realize even the cost of production for his crop."

"This led to the organization of the Wine-makers' Corporation, composed of grape-growers and winemakers, and about the State, and also to the creation of the California Wine Association, comprising seven of the leading San Francisco wine-dealers. The object of each organization was the same—to hold out encouragement to the grape grower by enhancing the value of his crop. After the Wine-maker's Corporation was well under way overtures were made to it by the dealers, who agreed to form a union with them if they succeeded in securing the control of 10,000,000 gallons of wine annually. On this basis a combination was effected and the result has been that the dealers are now paying the same-to hold out more a gallon for such an unweary and a corner in wine, that he wished to reconsider his action and have the matter investigated."

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HARNESSING THE GREAT POWER OF NEPTUNE TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY.

E. Gerlach of Santa Monica, who has an office at room 12, Nucleus building, has invented a "wave motor," which has found favor with engineers. The inventor claims for his machine that it will settle the question of cheap fuel by generating electricity in any part of the city, and may be utilized for motive and other power. In speaking of the invention Mr. Gerlach said:

"It is a wheel segment with three paddles journaled on an axle and placed on the end of a pier built to extend some 50 to 100 feet outside the breaker line in the ocean. These paddles are about 30 feet long and from 12 to 30 feet wide, according to the power required. They dip from 12 to 15 feet, and the wheel segment is arranged so as to raise or lower it with the tide. The never-ceasing, oscillating motion of the ocean operates on the parts dipping and causes them to sway to and fro. This motion is transmitted with one straight and one crossed cable to pulleys which are loose on the power-producing shaft, but so arranged with ratchets that the shaft always rotates in one and the same direction, any lapse of motion being overcome by a heavy balance-wheel."

"This power-producing shaft will be used to operate pumps which will force water from the ocean to a reservoir built on a bluff near by, and from this storage a uniform power can be obtained by the use of Pelton wheels. These Pelton wheels, by the aid of a dynamo, will generate electricity."

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A Victim of La Grippe.

H. Thielman was taken in a dying condition from 626 Washington street to the Receiving Hospital yesterday afternoon, and died about 8 o'clock last night. He was a victim to la grippe. He left the following note: "Please inform the German Consul, San Francisco. My portmanteau is at 939 1/2 Howard street. Key for same in this pocket-book. By so doing you will oblige." He appended his address in German. The body was removed to the Morgue.

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ST. MARCUS' CONSECRATION.

THE NEW EDIFICE OF THE LUTHERANS WILL BE BLESSED TO-DAY.

A MUSICAL PROGRAMME OF RARE EXCELLENCE AND AN AUGMENTED CHOIR.

The consecration of the new German Lutheran Church of St. Marcus will take place this morning at 9:30 o'clock on O'Farrell street, between Franklin and O'Connell. The pastor, Rev. J. Eundeling, will conduct the exercises, and Professor E. Werner will preside at the organ. The following musical programme will be rendered by the largely augmented choir:

1. "Praeludium und Fuga" (Rueck); 2. Choral, "Now All the Praise to God"; "Gloria," taken from ancient anthems; "Salutaris" for soprano, Miss Anna Weichart (Schubert); "Sanctus" (Spohr); cantata, text written by Mrs. August Hansen, composition by the organist, E. Werner (a. chorus); soprano solo, Miss Martha Kuener; c. trio, Miss Johanne Hadenfeldt, Miss Martha Kuener and Charles Schweddeger; d. bass and solo, E. Schuonsteinhausen; e. chorus, "Thou Shepherd of Israel"; "Gloria," from the "Twelfth Mass" (W. A. Mozart); choral, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (Luther); chorus, "Thou Shepherd of Israel," by the regular choir (Demetrius Bortniansky); postludium, duet from "Athalie" (Mendelssohn). Mr. Maas Jr. and the organist, and William Horstmann; postludium, E. Werner, the organist.

A New Postal Station Established. Station L has been established and in future the people of Ocean View will receive their mail direct from the San Francisco post office by means of a carrier on horseback. Hitherto letters and newspapers have been sent to San Mateo and thence to Ocean View causing considerable delay. The change has been made at the instance of Postmaster McCoppin, and he will see that money order and registry facilities are established at the new station.

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Model of the Gerlach Wave Motor.

[Sketches by a "Call" artist.]

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The Guest Thanks His Friends for Favors Granted Himself and Wife.

Rev. J. Q. A. Henry was tendered a farewell banquet by his friends at California Hall last night. There was a large turnout of admirers of the departing minister and a very excellent musical and literary programme was rendered. Rev. Mr. Huddleston presided and in his opening remarks paid a high tribute to the worth of Dr. Henry and expressed the great sorrow of the people at parting with him.

"We are glad to have an opportunity," he said, "to honor ourselves in honoring a man who has brought the people of California to a sense of their sacred duty."

He said that the hearts of the patriotic men and women of California would always be allied with love for their guest, who had inaugurated a work in this city and State which would finally be carried to a successful issue.

Misses Boyver and Hicks gave a piano selection and "Baby Means Song" whose lyrics are "You Can't Lose Me, Charley," and the "Little Red Schoolhouse" in a manner that aroused the enthusiasm of the audience to the highest pitch. Miss Jennie Curry gave a recitation and Miss Underwood rendered two solos.

Dr. Henry was then presented and received an ovation. He said: "The older I grow the more significant appear to me the friendships of life. There is an old saying that 'a friend in need is a friend indeed.' I can say to you to-night that you have stood the test well. I can look into your faces to-night and call you friends and say with all earnestness on behalf of myself and wife that we wish to record our esteem and gratitude for your kindness."

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