

SAVES OAKLAND'S

His Strong Message on Railroad and Water-Front Questions.

FARES SHOULD BE REDUCED.

Other Recommendations Made.

Death of P. H. Smith, an Oakland Pioneer.

Mayor Davis does not assume his seat until today, but his inaugural message to the City Council, which took the reins of government in hand last evening, was read on the evening of that day. He reviewed the figures taken from the books of various city officials, showing that while the increase of expense for the maintenance of the city government from 1889 to 1894 had only been 33 1/2 per cent, the receipts from taxation had increased during the same period by 40 per cent, while the assessed value of Oakland property had increased but 25 per cent. He argued from this that taxation should be materially reduced and asked the careful consideration of the Council on that subject.

After touching on the question of public parks and calling the attention of the Council to the vast advantages of numerous and extensive public grounds he took up the School Department and advised the utmost caution in the expenditure of funds for school buildings.

In reference to the Third and Sixth Ward schoolhouses, he charged that there had been gross mismanagement in the expenditure of the funds realized from the sale of school bonds. In the same section of the document he referred particularly to the necessity for industrial and manual training in the public schools and advised that the Board of Education take measures to perfect the courses now in vogue in Oakland's institutions of learning.

In reference to the changes which have been made in the operation of the Seventh-street local train, the Mayor said: "I am clearly of the opinion that the company has no legal authority to charge fare within the city limits. The company practically admits that it has no legal right by making its local train a part of the city's service; it admitted it by carrying passengers without charge for a period of thirty years; it admitted it by making its notices that it would not charge fare, and it admitted it by not charging fare.

The Mayor also pointed out the fact that the company had to carry passengers free. This is a misstatement. The company has never carried a passenger free. It carried the people of Oakland about the city for a long time, but the franchise which it carried it to run cars propelled by steam at the rate of thirty miles per hour through the city was not a franchise for the city of 60,000 people in the United States is subjected to the hazard and inconvenience imposed by such a franchise.

Whatever may have been the pledges and promises of the railroad company to the people of Oakland for an extraordinary privilege, it is certain that the Council has the right to fix the fare down to a figure that enables the city to earn only operating expenses and 10 per cent on the cost of construction. An ordinance fixing the fare at one-fourth of a cent per person between West Oakland and the city was passed by the Board of Supervisors in the Legislature approved May 20, 1861, which law authorized the building of this local system of railroads.

Had the company complied with the conditions upon which it obtained permission to lay down the Seventh-street line, it would have continued some eighteen years longer, but as it has undoubtedly forfeited its right to the franchise by its failure to comply with the conditions, the franchise need not be considered in the formulation of an ordinance prohibiting the use of trains by the building of this local system of railroads.

Under the head of Port of Entry the Mayor called attention to the fact that while Oakland has nine miles of water front only 300 feet are under the actual control of the city government. He urged the Board of Supervisors to have the Exchange should confer on the subject and try to find some way of getting what belongs to the city and he continued:

A question of great importance to the people of this city is that of the suits pending to determine the title of the water front. I have suffered pressed to final judgment in the lower court was the one entitled "The Oakland Water-Front Company v. The City of Oakland, et al." It was tried before Judges Greene, Henshaw and Ellsworth, sitting in bank with a jury. There were two decisions rendered in the first trial, the second being a reversal of the first. The second decision upon what is known as the Chicago decision, holding it to be valid and striking out the entire testimony of plaintiff.

The plaintiff appealed from the judgment to the supreme court and the case will be argued and submitted. If the court affirms the judgment I am informed the effect will be the withdrawal of the water front from the city in favor of the city. After this case had been decided in the lower court the city, with commendable zeal, had taken steps to acquire a steam arm underfoot to take forcible possession, which resulted in the railroad company commencing a suit against the city, and the court, in which suit an injunction was obtained restraining the city from further force until final determination, which injunction is by consent of counsel, being dissolved. This case is now pending in the said court, having been submitted for decision, and I believe it will be decided in favor of the city. There is also the case of "The City of Oakland v. The Oakland Water-Front Company," in which suit an injunction was obtained restraining the city from further force until final determination, which injunction is by consent of counsel, being dissolved. This case is now pending in the said court, having been submitted for decision, and I believe it will be decided in favor of the city.

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The Mayor was positive in his opinion that all streets leading to the water front should be opened to the water, and said that the Peralta land grant which had thus far kept such a project from being carried out was a bugbear concocted by the railroad company, which could be located or dislocated at the pleasure of the corporation. In conclusion he said:

I believe the city should open all streets between the water front and the city to the so-called private property that has been created by embankments and debris deposits at the water front, and I believe it is the duty of the city to take possession of the same and keep them open.

Residents of Bay Farm Island were in a happy mood yesterday. The finishing touches to the electric lights were made and the island illuminated for the first time by electricity. The Islanders have waited many months for these lights.

Young Hunters. Frank Schuler, Charles Cala and Frank Thompson were arrested by a constable near Melrose for trespassing on private property. They were taken to the County Jail and bailed out by their parents.

No Prosecution. The case against Conductor C. H. Hebl, who was charged with carrying a loaded revolver on account of the complainant not appearing to prosecute.

Notes. The sale of the property of George L. Lewis for the delinquent assessment, amounting to \$32, for the widening of Lincoln street, postponed again yesterday until morning.

The Porter School was reopened yesterday after a vacation of about three weeks.

WONDERFUL WELL PASSED

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MURDEROUS WEAPONS.

Two Instruments Found in Palmi's Room Puzzle the Police.

FIRST OF THE KIND KNOWN.

Both Supposed to Have Been Brought From Sicily by Assassins.

The police have been unable to learn anything about the two odd weapons which were found in the room of Vincenzo Palmi, alias Parma, the slayer of Eugenio de Leva. Officer George Riordan has been busy since the Saturday evening murder trying to subpoena witnesses, but he has found it hard work. He has made inquiries about the knife and the peculiar club, but the people of the neighborhood say they know nothing of such contrivances.

The police believe that Palmi, alias Parma, is not the only man who carries poisoned stilettos and miniature cannibal island warclubs. The fact that the murderous weapons were found in Palmi's room shows him to be a dangerous character, and his story that he picked the revolver out of Leva's pocket and killed him with his own weapon is no longer believed.

Nothing like the weapons found in Palmi's room have ever been seen by the police, and those at the old City Hall station have had reason to believe they have

HE AWAKENED INTEREST.

Eastern Capitalists Watching the San Joaquin Valley Road.

Julius W. Raphael says it will be the salvation of California.

Julius W. Raphael, of the well-known firm of Raphael Bros., returned from a tour of the South and East yesterday. He was constantly on the move for the weeks and was consequently tired out when he reached home. According to him business is fairly brisk in Cincinnati, quiet in Chicago, dull in New York and stagnant in New Orleans. In the manufacturing centers he arranged for the spring and early fall goods required by the firm. The Raphaels manufacture everything they sell in their Kearny-street stores. Mr. Raphael said last night:

The San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad has awakened considerable interest in the East. Old California men and capitalists are now turning their eyes our direction, and if California keeps on moving now that it has the ball at its feet success is assured. The outlook is certainly brighter than it has been for years. We must keep pegging away, however, and when we have gained one point let us at once leap for the next and secure another.

There is one thing about all others that we must secure, and that is the confidence of the Eastern capitalists. We want to cultivate business and diplomatic relations with the people with whom we desire business relations. Some of our commercial laws are

seen about all made in the known world. The stiletto is evidently an old heirloom, and must have been brought from some foreign country. The handle is only three inches long, but is oval and fits in the fingers of the hand so well that it could not be easily knocked out. The handle is of ivory and ornamented brass. The blade is five and half inches long. Many years ago it must have had some engravings on it, as there are some traces at present.

The peculiar features of the stiletto are three holes cut through the very center of the blade. The two end holes are ordinary round holes, but the middle one is rectangular in shape and one inch long. In this slot is placed a thin brass tongue, which is intended to carry poison into a wound.

The club is the oddest weapon ever captured by the police of this city. It can do more than the work of a billy or slungshot, though not the size of those weapons. When closed it is nine inches long, and has the appearance of an umbrella handle with a spiked knob on the end of it. The handle of the club is like an ordinary straight cane handle. The knob at the top is made of brass and is jointed brass rod three inches long is revealed. This holds the knob to the handle.

The brass rod is in three parts, and has in the center a sort of double hinge, similar to those on parasols. This permits an additional swing to be given to the deadly knob when it is hurled at some unfortunate's head. From all appearances the weapon has been used several times, as the

obnoxious, and they will have to be repealed before we really establish thorough confidence between the far East and the West. These laws are greatly to the detriment of California and should be repealed at once.

We cannot get ahead too fast with the valley road. Some little doubt as to whether it will be built still exists in the East, but once a start is made across the Sierras, and these hills are crossed, the road will be a great and glorious success.

In Chicago I found business quiet, and in both the wholesale and retail trade in New York there was hardly anything doing. In Cincinnati the business men were doing fairly well, but in New Orleans stagnation reigned. The funds between the banks and the whites will ruin that country unless the United States Government steps in and makes some radical changes.

Our electric-road system should be extended at once. In Cincinnati you can ride eight and a half miles on one of the best equipped roads in the United States. It is a great thing for Cincinnati, however, and brings large volumes of trade to the parent city. It is a great detriment to San Francisco that our electric roads do not reach out for the small towns around us. It is a great thing for San Francisco that the electric road should be built across the Sierras, and a law to that effect should be passed.

On the subject of the electric road, I am glad to say that I am able to say, and that is that our streets are the cleanest in the Union, with one exception, and that is Philadelphia. It is a great thing for San Francisco that our streets are the cleanest in the Union, with one exception, and that is Philadelphia. It is a great thing for San Francisco that our streets are the cleanest in the Union, with one exception, and that is Philadelphia.

DAIRY DISHES TO ORDER.

Mrs. E. M. Hinkley Tells Her Cooking Class How to Prepare Them.

Creme de Celery-Oyster and Mushroom Pate-Orange Marmalade Pudding.

"When I prepare my dishes before you," said Mrs. E. M. Hinkley to her cooking class at 703 Sutter street, yesterday afternoon, "I do so in the most economical manner, and at the same time prepare delicious, palatable food that is fit for any one's table."

The laity dishes that the teacher of cooking prepared during the afternoon proved the truth of these remarks. The menu was: "Creme de celery soup," "vol-au-vent of mushrooms and oysters," "rough puff paste" and "orange marmalade pudding."

The creme de celery soup is a delicious composition, but it requires watching as it, in a moment, may catch at the bottom of the pan and be lost, for soup that has a flavor of burnt to it is the worst thing that can be laid before one.

"There is one thing that I wish to impress on you, ladies," said Mrs. Hinkley, "and that is, the fire in your range, be it wood, coal or gas-watch it constantly, do not let it get too hot, nor let it get too low for if you do the one or the other, you will spoil what you have in the pan. Now to prevent this soup, or any other pure, from catching it should be cooked in a double pot," and she explained her meaning by showing one saucepan that fits in another half filled with boiling water.

The mystery of this soup was explained and the members of the class became deeply interested in the ways of the demonstrator. She then explained what ingredients are necessary to make rough puff paste for the vol-au-vent and which may be used for meat pies. This, like other puff paste, must be made in a cool room and the ingredients should be kept in an ice-chest. "I could do without many things

WOMEN'S WEAPONS.

I Had a Foul Stomach.

THAT I KNEW I HAD A FOUL STOMACH was evidenced in my sallow complexion, my bleary eyes, my peculiar gait. This is what the doctor said: "My son, your stomach is foul, because your stomach

"Don't digest properly. 'Don't secrete healthy digestive juices. 'Don't empty itself readily. 'Don't act correctly. 'Don't assimilate the food.

"Your stomach is full of gases, due to undigested matter accumulating in the stomach, which becomes decomposed and

HE WOULD NOT SELL.