The San Francisco Call

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

For condensed City news read the seventh page of the CALL.

Brief City items are to be found on this page of the CALL every day.

A number of vessels are lying in the stream awaiting non-union crews.

Governor Budd dined with Mayor Sutro at Sutro Heights last evening.

George H. Thomas Post held memorial service in Golden Gate Hall last night.

Local items, bright and brief, can be found on this page of the CALL every day.

A letter from New York tells why some California wines do not bring better prices.

The wills of Mrs. D. J. Staples, Abraham Powell and C. P. Jones were filed for probate.

Another thirty days' extension was granted yesterday to the contractor of the new City Hall dome.

The Neapolitan Mandolin and Guitar Club's concert at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night was a success.

The butchers will hold a picnic on the 22d inst. at Shell Mound Park and the Oakland racetrack.

The cruiser Olympia is fitting out for sea at Mare Island. She will replace the Philadelphia at Honolulu.

Mrs. Nellie Welch, 11 Allen street, who disappeared about ten days ago, was found by the police yesterday.

Time-tables of the railroad companies are published free of charge in the CALL for the accommodation of readers.

Affiliated college-site committee will meet Friday evening at the office of Dr. McNutt, Sutter and Montgomery streets.

A jury has been secured in the Worthington trial and the opening statement of the prosecution will be made this morning.

The School of Design of the San Francisco Art Association will begin its annual exhibition and award prizes on the 21st inst.

Andrew Briggs, a gripman, has invented a street-car guard which promises to be an efficient protection for the pedestrian.

The winning horses at the Bay District track yesterday were Extract filly, Hymn, Eventide, Empress of Norfork and Rear Guard.

The Grand Council, American Legion of Honor, began its ninth biennial session in B'nai B'rith Hall yesterday morning.

Dr. Lazarus Shapiro was yesterday fined $20 by Judge Campbell for using vulgar language to Conductor Brewster of the Castro-street line.

Argument was commenced in the Loomis-Somers case yesterday on the admissibility of a deposition made by Mrs. Somers in a former trial.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the California branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the M. E. church was held in St. John's Church yesterday.

The City Hall Commission has about decided to have the figure which is to stand above the new dome made of aluminum instead of white metal.

The old tumble-down structures at the northeast corner of Grant avenue and Sutter street have been razed. A modern structure will be erected on the site.

Rebecca Lachs was granted a divorce yesterday from her husband, Henry Lachs, and was immediately married to Lajos Steiner by Justice of the Peace Carroll.

Troops I and K will leave the Presidio to-day for their summer encampment in the Yosemite Valley and Sequoia Park, which they will protect from trespassers.

Albert Collins has organized a baseball nine composed of boys between 16 and 17 years of age and has named it the CALL Baseball Club, in honor of this paper.

Dr. Smolizanski will deliver a lecture in German this evening at 8 o'clock, at the social hall in B'nai B'rith building, 121 Eddy street. Subject, "The Hero of Venice."

The Southern Pacific Employes' Mutual Benefit Association held its yearly meeting yesterday and elected officers. It has 900 members and is in a flourishing condition.

Steps are being taken to extend Railroad avenue through Bay View to the Five-mile House. With the extension of the electric streetcar line a new suburb will be opened up.

The conductors' excursion left yesterday morning for Atlanta and a trip through the Eastern States. There are eighty persons in the party, and forty-five of these are conductors.

Fresh light was thrown on John T. Hill's suit with the assignee of the proprietor of the Tortoni restaurant by the production of the defendant's diary showing when he was "off" or "on."

The trustees of the Mechanics' Institute have decided to award beautifully engraved certificates of merit and superiority instead of medals to those who secure premiums at their exhibits.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors advised Assessor Siebe yesterday to prepare to put 100 men in the field to make the assessment on personal property under the new law.

H. P. Bush returned yesterday from Cincinnati, where he attended the convention of the I. O. B. B. Grand Lodge. The next session of this body will be held in San Francisco five years hence.

A gang of young daylight burglars who have been operating in the Western Addition was broken up by the police yesterday by the arrest of three of the members and the receiver of the stolen goods.

The celebration of Decoration day is already under consideration by the various Grand Army posts of the City. Committees have been appointed and arrangements are being rapidly perfected.

A case in Judge Hunt's court was brought to a sudden termination yesterday by the death of the plaintiff in a corridor of the new City Hall, whither he had been dragged, while dying of consumption, to testify.

Vice-President J. C. Stubbs of the Southern Pacific Company will confer with General Passenger Agent Lomax of the Union Pacific to force the local agent of that company into the Passenger Agents' Association.

Auditor Broderick, while declaring himself bound to stand for the $1 limit under his party pledge, says that the rate of taxation should be not less that $1 30 to meet the expenses and make up the deficit of this year.

Directors of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railway will take a trip to Bakersfield Thursday evening to examine the country and confer with delegations in the towns along the proposed route.

Hill Durkin and Daniel Lawler have been identified as the two men who committed the robbery at the Sutter-street branch of the American District Telegraph Company, and have been charged with the crime.

It is stated upon good authority that the Market-street Railroad Company will shortly erect the Haight-street baseball grand stand and sheds at Bay View. This will be done by the time that Railroad avenue is extended to the Five-mile House.

George Shackelton, who stabbed John Schulz, horseshoer, in a saloon on Twenty-fourth and Harrison streets last Saturday night, was yesterday held to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Campbell on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

State Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald proposes to establish an employment bureau in connection with his office, and will also take particular care as to the sanitary condition of factories and workshops where large forces of men and women are employed.

A number of boarding-house runners boarded the American ship Tillie Starbuck, which arrived from Hongkong on Monday, and "Hoodlum" Harry shot twice at the mate. The life of the officer was only saved by his slipping on a grating in front of the cabin door.

Mrs. J. A. Fillmore and Mrs. W. S. Booth, wife of a prominent member of the Chicago Board of Trade, will leave here in a private car this evening. They will go to Orange, N. Y., where Mrs. Fillmore will attend the graduating exercises of her daughter at the college at Orange.

Governor Budd will appear before the Grand Jury to-day to give testimony in regard to the ferry-foundation scandal. He will be asked some sharp questions. The Grand Jury will also begin the investigation of the alleged crooked acts of the Solid Eight of the Board of Supervisors.

Judge Belcher has taken exception to criticism by the Evening Post on his action in the Loughborough matter. He has intimated that the Post attempted to extort hush-money in the same case and openly stated so in court. The District Attorney has assumed the responsibility of the court's sentence.

Julius Radstone, son of the late Jacob Radstone, testified yesterday in Judge Slack's court as to the treasure found concealed in junk in the cellar of 226 Turk street. He recited the facts already told in the CALL and contended that the money discovered was part of the estate. Morris L. Asher, attorney for the administratrix, told of the search he had made in the cellar for the missing money of the estate. The court remarked that it might be proper to call the attention of the criminal courts to the part played in the matter by Fanning and Bridges. The matter was continued to Thursday.

COUNCIL OF WISE WOMEN.

The Annual Gathering of the Episcopal Church Auxiliary.

BISHOP NICHOLS' ADDRESS.

Children to Be Educated to Contribute to the Missionary Fund.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the California branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church was held yesterday in the Church of St. John, on Fifteenth street between Valencia and Mission.

At 10 o'clock there was an officers' meeting, and at 11 o'clock the meeting, which was one of the largest the auxiliary has ever held, representatives from all the City and many of the interior churches being present, was addressed by the Right Rev. Bishop Nichols upon the missionary work of the auxiliary in general and that of the California branch in particular.

At noon those present, to the number of one hundred and fifty, adjourned to the guild-room, where they partook of an excellent luncheon.

At the afternoon session the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. Newlands, president; Mrs. Esther Powell of Los Angeles, vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Hill of Berkeley, treasurer, and Mrs. A. M. Lawver, secretary.

The report of the secretary was then read. It was a detailed account of the work performed by the different branches of the auxiliary during the year, the different meetings held and what was accomplished by each. The report showed that a great deal of interest had been taken in missionary work by the members of the various congregations.

The treasurer presented his report, but it was not complete, as a number of the branches had failed to send in their reports in time to be incorporated in the one read. It was decided that when the report is complete it shall be printed. To date it showed that collections amounting to $6427 had been reported.

Miss F. E. Bishop, secretary of the junior auxiliary, presented her annual report, which showed that the children of the Sabbath-schools are manifesting a deep interest in mission work. The juniors are represented by twenty-four working branches and eight Sunday-schools. Miss Bishop suggested that the rectors of the several churches should set aside one Sunday as a missionary Sunday on which to instruct the children in mission work. She also added that to meet the current expenses the churches should pay 1 cent for each Sabbath school scholar in attendance on the first Sunday in September.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson of Oakland and several representatives spoke in favor of this plan of raising funds.

Mrs. W. F. Nichols read a brief report of the condition of the babies' branch of the auxiliary. From this it appears that as soon as a baby is able to hold a coin in its chubby fingers it is given one and taught to drop it in a box, the aggregate contribution going to the mission fund.

The Rev. Mr. Wren gave an interesting account of missionary work during a number of years in Newfoundland. The difficulties encountered by the missionaries and the hardships they have to endure show that their work on behalf of the church is not one of easy leisure.

Mrs. Eliza S. Wade of Berkeley spoke at some length on the necessity of working for the permanent fund of $60,000 to be raised for aggressive missionary work. She said that the first effort realized $3000, the second $20,000 and the third she hoped would produce the sum required. Several persons had already contributed $1000 each and she thought there were many who could contribute $100 each.

Mrs. Lawver, the secretary, announced that the week commencing June 6 will be denial week. She then announced that it would be a good idea to establish a clothing bureau similar to one maintained by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in New York. In such a bureau all clothing contributed by persons who have discarded such is sorted, a small price set on each article and sold to the poor. This she explained is true charity, for it gives the poor good clothing at very small cost and does not encourage pauperism as does the donation of such articles. She said that all the parishes in the City could unite in establishing such a bureau and the money realized be turned over to the Good Samaritan Mission.

Music was furnished by the surpliced choir of St. John's Church.

MRS. LAWVER, THE SECRETARY, READING THE REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE AUXILIARY DURING THE YEAR.

[*Sketched yesterday by a "Call" artist.*]

DAYLIGHT BURGLARIES.

A Gang of Boys Operating in the Western Addition.

Within the past month about a dozen daylight burglaries in the Western Addition have been reported to the police. Policemen Harry Reynolds and Donovan were specially detailed to make an investigation.

They found that the burglaries were committed by a gang of five boys, whose ages ranged from 13 to 18 years, and that they sold the proceeds of their crimes to Jake Schneider, a tailor on Tehama street, between Fourth and Fifth.

Yesterday they arrested Schneider for receiving stolen goods. They also arrested John O'Keefe, Eddie McQuade and Sam Schneider, three of the gang. They have not yet been booked, as the officers expect to have the other two under arrest at any moment.

The same officers were successful in breaking up a gang about two months ago that had been operating in the same localities for months.

RAN AWAY FROM HOME.

A Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Decamps With Valuables Belonging to Her Employer.

Rhoda Webb, an attractive girl of 15 years recently living with the family of Mrs. McKinnon at 511 Scott street, is being looked for by the officers of the Humane Society. Rhoda ran away from her home several days ago, and, after making a bundle of clothing and valuables which did not belong to her, made her escape by climbing through a window in the rear of the house.

The girl, although young, has given Secretary McComb of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children infinite trouble. She was left an orphan several years ago, and was picked up by the society and provided with a home. Displaying a perversity strange in one so young, the girl ran away repeatedly; but until her last escapade she did not incumber her offenses by the addition of theft. If found she will be sent to the Magdalen Asylum until she attains her majority.

SHIPOWNERS AND SAILORS

Many Vessels Are Lying in the Stream Waiting for Crews.

The Association Claims That Men Can Be Supplied at Short Notice.

"The Shipowners' Association wants fifty men to-day and they can't get them," said a scout for non-union sailors yesterday. "They can get them if they want to put up a bonus for them, but for going and picking non-union men up out of boarding-houses it will be a pretty hard matter."

The ship King Cyrus got away on Monday morning with a full non-union crew. The B. P. Cheney went into the stream on Monday morning, and up to last night she had only secured six of her crew. The ships Guardian and Invincible have been in the stream since last Friday, unable to get crews, and how long they will remain in port depends on the ability of their shipping-masters to get their complement of men. The schooners Sparrow, Viking, Lily and Guide and the barkentine Amelia also went out in the stream, waiting for crews to get away.

"There is nothing in the stream," said Shipping-master Reickoff of the Shipowners' Association yesterday afternoon, "that we cannot supply with crews as soon as they are ready. There are any number of sailors on the beach and no vessel shipping through the association has been detained more than twenty-four hours. As soon as any vessel is ready to sail we will supply her with men if we are given sufficient notice."

The warfare between the union and the scouts of the shipowners is an interesting one. Any non-union men who are caught in the neighborhood of the water front have a very poor show of going aboard ship. The union patrolmen use their gentle powers of persuasion on the non-union men, and as a general thing the latter give up the fight and go over to the union. Now the scouts of the shipowners catch their men on Steuart street and stake them out somewhere uptown for final arrangements. The new scheme, thus far, has worked very well.

GOING TO HONOLULU.

The Olympia Preparing to Go to Sea to Take the Place of the Philadelphia.

The steamer Gaelic, which arrived from the Orient by way of Honolulu on Monday night, brings the news that the Philadelphia is to shortly sail from the islands for this port. The place of Admiral Beardslee's flagship will be taken by the Olympia, which is now lying at Mare Island.

On the last steamer which arrived from Honolulu Mrs. Beardslee was one of the passengers. It was then predicted that the lady's husband would follow shortly on his flagship. It turns out now that this was merely a guess, Mrs. Beardslee having come here on private business.

Notwithstanding, the Olympia is being fitted for sea as rapidly as possible, and it is expected that she will sail for the Paradise of the Pacific in about ten days.

The Monterey is on her way to Callao. From this port it is expected that she will return to Mare Island, but not a few of the officers on the coast are of the opinion that the Monterey will go over on the Atlantic side before she is again seen in these waters.

LINCOLN SCHOOL LOTS.

A Question Relative to the Twenty-Year Lease Which Will Soon Expire.

POSSIBILITY OF LITIGATION.

The Board of Education Outlining a Policy for the Management of Its New Charge.

Under the terms of the consolidation act the Board of Education will, on September 1, assume control of the Lincoln School property, situated on the southeast corner of Market and Fifth streets, leased in 1875 by the Board of Supervisors for a period of twenty years for the purpose of raising school funds. The transfer of this valuable property which has yielded to the School Department a revenue of $536,100 will in all probability be accompanied by litigation, which will assume a bitter contest between the present leaseholders and the City and County. A question has arisen between the parties as to the ownership of the improvements which amount to something like $200,000. Shall the improvements revert to the City and County at the expiration of the lease, or have the people who made these improvements a legal right to remove them?

This is the question over which several sub-committees of the Board of Education have been doing considerable thinking of late. There are a number of reports on the subject from these committees, but in every case, after reciting a history of the transaction and citing a few authorities, the board is asked to consult higher authority. Even the Judiciary Committee of the board, when asked for light relative to the technical point involved, respectfully declined to express a final opinion, referring the board to the City and County Attorney, who now has the matter under consideration. A brief review of the situation may be in order here.

Under the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved March 30, 1874, the Board of Supervisors was authorized to lease for a term of twenty years that portion of the 100-vara lot 128, on the southeast corner of Market and Fifth streets, 275 feet on Market street by a uniform depth of 100 feet, to be leased as a whole or to be subdivided into lots, as the board might determine, to the highest responsible bidder or bidders. The minimum price fixed by the act for the lease of the lot was $4 per front foot on Market street for the first term of five years, $6 per front foot for the second term of five years, $8 per front foot for the third term of five years and $10 per front foot for the fourth term of five years.

The board concluded to make eleven subdivisions of the lot, each with a frontage of twenty-five feet on Market street with a depth of 100 feet, and numbered the lots consecutively from 1 to 11, commencing with the lot on the southeast corner of Fifth street.

Proposals were called for observing the requirements of the act and on July 20, 1874, five bids were received. On November 23, 1874, the board awarded to the highest bidders lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10 and 11, and on June 25, 1875, the remaining lots, 4, 5, 6 and 8. The resolutions awarding the leases provided that the amounts were to be paid monthly, in advance, to the Mayor of the City and County.

The following table shows the lots and the bidders to whom the leases were awarded:

Lot No....	NAME.	Amount of lease for 20 years.
1	John Brannigan	$45,000
2	John Brannigan	45,000
3	H. Rosekrans	43,500
4	Thomas McGinnis	55,800
5	R. F. Osborn & Co	57,120
6	R. F. Osborn & Co	57,120
7	Edward McGrath	42,000
8	J. McGinn	55,500
9	L. R. Meyers & Co	42,060
10	H. M. Block	46,500
11	H. M. Block	46,500
	Total amount of lease for 20 years	$536,100

By the terms of the same bill a commission was created composed of the Mayor, Auditor and Treasurer, which commission was authorized to issue bonds in the sum of $200,000 bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent, the money to be used for the purchase of sites and the erection of school buildings. The bonds were disposed of and the money expended as provided. The leases began September 1, 1875, and will expire September 1, 1895, at which time the Board of Education will assume control.

Realizing the necessity of outlining a policy relative to its new charge the subject has been under discussion by the board since its February meeting. It was not until April 10 that the matter took definite form. At this time the Finance Committee submitted the following report:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10, 1895.

To the Honorable Board of Education—GENTLEMEN: Your committee on finance respectfully reports that it has considered the communication from Ryland B. Wallace, asking on behalf of the owners of the leasehold interests in the property situated on the corner of Ryland and Fifth streets that action be taken by this board with regard to leasing said property such a time in advance of the expiration of the leases that the lessees may either remove their improvements before the leases expire, or sell them to persons who may lease the land from the board. Under and by virtue of the provisions of an act of the Legislature of this State, entitled "An act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to lease a school lot in said City and County, and to authorize the issuance of school bonds for the purchase of sites and the erection of school buildings in said City and County," approved March 30, 1874, the Board of Supervisors leased to various persons a portion of the school lot known as the Lincoln school lot on the southeast corner of Market and Fifth streets, for the term of twenty years, commencing September 1, 1875. The land leased has a frontage of 275 feet on Market street, by a uniform depth of 100 feet. All action authorized to be taken by the Board of Supervisors, under the provisions of the act of the Legislature before mentioned, has been taken, except the collection of the rents from the lessees until September 1, 1895, and the disbursement of the balance of the special school fund for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting schoolhouses. The control and management of the Lincoln School lot by the Board of Supervisors will therefore cease when the present leases expire on September 1 next; and the lot will then come under the control of the Board of Education, under the general provisions of the consolidation act. An act of the Legislature of this State, entitled "An act to provide for the support of the common schools of the City and County of San Francisco and to define the powers and duties of the Board of Education thereof," approved April 1, 1872, contains the following provision:

"Section 1. The Board of Education of the City and County of San Francisco shall have power * * *

"Eleventh. To lease, for a term not exceeding ten years, any unoccupied property of the School Department not required for school purposes."

It will therefore be seen that the power to lease the Lincoln School lot, after the expiration of the present leases, rests in the Board of Education, and that the term for which it may lease the land is limited to ten years. Your committee favors releasing the lot at the expiration of the present leases, and recommends, in accordance with the petition of the present lessees, that action be now taken in the matter by the board for the reasons stated in said petition. The act of the Legislature first referred to in this report required that before leasing the lot in the first instance an advertisement be published for the period of thirty days in two daily newspapers soliciting sealed proposals for the use of the lot, either as a whole or divided into smaller plats. Your committee deems it for the best interests of the department that this course be followed at the present time and therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The leases granted by the Board of Supervisors under the provisions of an act of the Legislature approved March 30, 1874, of that portion of the school lot on the southeast corner of Market and Fifth streets, 275 feet on Market street by a uniform depth of 100 feet, will expire on the first day of September, 1895; and whereas the said portion of the said school lot is not now required for public school purposes and will not be so required at the expiration of the present leases; therefore be it

Resolved—First—That the secretary of this board be directed to advertise for the period of thirty days in two daily newspapers in the City and County of San Francisco for sealed proposals for the use of said lot of land for the term of ten years, and that the lot shall be leased to the highest responsible bidder or bidders.

Second—That proposals be solicited for a lease of the lot as a whole and for subdivisions, each with a frontage of twenty-five feet on Market street, with a depth of 100 feet.

Third—That proposals be received by the board at its regular meeting, to be held July 10, 1895.

In order that there may be no doubt in the minds of the members of the board as to the ownership of the improvements now upon the portion of the Lincoln School lot to be leased your committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with instructions to examine present leases and the laws pertaining thereto and to report to the board as to such ownership at an early day.

H. T. SCOTT,
E. P. BARRETT,
C. A. CLINTON.

Acting upon the suggestion contained in the last paragraph of the above report, the Judiciary Committee proceeded to a careful examination of the subject, the result of which is embodied in a voluminous communication to the board, which concludes with a recommendation that the whole matter be submitted to the City and County Attorney. This committee declares in its report that neither the act under which the leases were made, nor the leases themselves contain any provision as to the ownership of improvements at the time of the expiration of the leases.

Many cases bearing only a slight similarity to the one under consideration are cited and a good deal of law quoted. The members of the Judiciary Committee conclude their report by saying that in their opinion the improvements made on the property cannot be removed, having become a part of the realty, but in view of the large interests involved they ask that the matter be referred to the proper authority.

Accompanying this communication was a supplemental report which stated that since the preparation of the first report the committee had examined a resolution passed by the Supervisors on May 4, 1874, directing its clerk to advertise for sealed proposals for the lease of the property in question, also the advertisement published by the Supervisors June 15, 1874, calling for facts, together with the resolution of award passed by the board November 23 of the same year.

The committee calls attention to the fact that the notice calling for bids contains the following provision:

"All improvements on said lots, unless purchased by the City and County, shall be removed at the expiration of the lease by the owners thereof upon thirty days' notice being given by the Mayor of the City and County, and if not so removed prior to expiration of said lease the right shall be forfeited and the ownership of the same shall revert to the City and County of San Francisco."

Continuing the report says:

"It is a general rule of law that a written instrument cannot be contradicted or altered in its terms by oral testimony, but must be construed by itself and it must speak for itself as to the intention of the parties to it, also that if the leases were made to parties upon the faith of a notice inviting bids which provided that the improvements should belong to tenants, it would be manifestly unjust for the City and County to take advantage of a technicality."

The supplemental report concluded like the first in recommending that the matter be turned over to the City and County Attorney for his opinion.

FUN WITH THE CAMERA.

Several Outings With Exceptional Opportunities for Snap Shots on the Programme.

Weather permitting—of which there is little doubt—the members of the California Camera Club will be given a rare opportunity on Saturday next to take "snap shots" all around the bay.

Through the kindness of Captain Leale of the steamer Caroline, all who desire will be taken about the bay on her. She will leave Jackson-street wharf at 1 P. M. and will skirt the San Francisco shore as far south as the Union Iron Works, and then go over to Oakland up the little-prospected estuary and then to Sausalito.

About 150 of the members will probably take advantage of the occasion, as an unusual chance will be afforded for taking pictures of the shipping, of shore scenes and of the yachts at anchor off Sausalito, as the steamer will move slowly to facilitate the work of the kodak gunners.

It is expected that many fine pictures suitable for lantern slides will be secured. The members are also given the privilege of inviting a friend to the outing. The return will be made about sundown.

On May 30 there will be a special outing to Sausalito for a kodak cruise among the yachts of the Corinthian fleet, which will then be anchored at that place.

A proposition is also being considered by the club for a repetition of the highly successful cruise of a year ago up the Russian River, in which some seventy members participated. This will probably be undertaken early in June. The jaunt will cover three days from a Saturday morning to the Monday evening following.

THERE is an article on this market seldom equaled and never excelled—Jesse Moore Whisky. Moore, Hunt & Co. guarantee its purity. *

MONEY makes the mare go and buys the Almighty-dollar Cigar. *

FIXING WATER RATES.

Property-Owners Begin to Discuss the Proposed Hydrant Tax.

W. R. Sherwood Asserts That the Raise Would Be an Injustice to Taxpayers.

The proposition now before the Water Committee of the Board of Supervisors touching a plan for raising the rent for sewer-flushing plugs and fireplugs from $2 50 per month to $10 per month is attracting the attention of many taxpayers in this city. This is a matter of so much importance that it deserves careful consideration. Both sides of the water question will be discussed in the CALL, and all interested citizens will be given an opportunity to express their opinions. This course will be taken in order that a complete argument may be presented to the Supervisors before final action in fixing the water rate is taken. Citizens of good standing will be invited to aid in the solution of the problem by such expressions of opinion as their good judgment may suggest.

It is timely at this moment to give public notice that anonymous communications in regard to the water question will receive no attention at this office.

The first gentleman to speak upon this question is W. R. Sherwood. Yesterday he said:

"I do not believe there is any justice in such a move. I am a stockholder in the Spring Valley Water Company and it may do me some good financially to see such a rate brought about, but there are other interests of much more importance which would be greatly injured. Suppose the Supervisors, through the Water Committee, reduce the rate on water for household use so that it will be cheaper to the small consumer, and then, on the other hand, raise the hydrant rate from $2 50 to $10, the burden of the bill would fall first on the City, and from the City on the taxpayers, who will have to pay it.

"Many of the Supervisors are pledged to their parties to reduce the consumers' rate 10 per cent, and if they succeed in doing that it will be a double hardship when they are confronted with a request to go down in their pockets and pay the City bill for hydrants.

"We now pay $69,000 for something in the neighborhood of 2300 hydrants, and if the $10 rate was established it would mean $276,000. This is absolutely exacting money from the City without adequate return, and would at once add 5 per cent to our taxes. At the $10 rate the water company would do everything to increase the number of plugs, and it would soon mount up to 10 per cent.

"The result would be to keep away industries and capital, suspend improvements and otherwise injure the future of San Francisco.

"In other cities the custom is to grant a franchise only when the companies supply all necessary water for city use free of charge.

"Here, however, the Supreme Court decided that the Spring Valley Company was entitled to $2 50 a month for each hydrant. There is no telling whether or not they will be allowed to raise it to $10.

"If such a movement succeeds it will depreciate property by increasing taxation all over the City and the valuation of City real estate will go down many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"There is no reason why the Spring Valley should not pay some of the expense of protecting the City from fire, as it does them as much good, if not more, than anybody else.

"Suppose one of our big blocks should burn to the ground, it would at once cut off the revenue of the water company, yet it pays nothing to protect this income. On the other hand, we pay them. I am but one of numberless property-owners who object to the proposed increase, and for good and sufficient reasons, which I believe I have stated."

THE MECHANICS' FAIR.

Certificates of Superiority Instead of Cheap Medals to Be Awarded as Premiums.

At the monthly meeting of the Mechanics' Institute directors last evening the principal business was the consideration of matters pertaining to the coming industrial fair.

It was proposed that an exhibition of fish should be made. The last time such an exhibit was made it cost the institute $2800, and the matter was laid over for further consideration.

It was decided to depart from the usual custom of issuing cheap medals for premiums. At the next fair beautifully engraved certificates or diplomas for merit and superiority will be given in accordance with the judgment of the examining judges.

The matter of music was laid over by the committee on music for further consideration. Trustees Fisher and Doolan urged that there should be a poultry show in connection with the fair. This was tried at a previous fair, and the experience was then that every time a musical part was being performed the roosters would crow.

The majority of the board are against a poultry show with the fair.

W. H. Smyth, who is making arrangements for the exhibition, reported that he had arranged the following plan for attractions: Indigenous races of the coast, their arts, manufactured articles and customs; American settlers, relics and curiosities; educational, the progress of the child from the kindergarten to the university. This feature will be important. Professor Kellogg of the University of California will try to induce the board of regents to make a fine exhibition. Special attention will be given to the sciences, physical development and sports. It is intended that the manufacturing industries and the arts shall be fully represented. When possible scientific tests will be made of devices and materials. There will be a fine display of military and naval war implements from the time of the savage to the present. Mr. Smyth proposes to make a curious display under the head of "crime," in which will be exhibited objects of interest and curiosity, appliances and methods for protection against criminals and the punishment of law-breakers in ancient and modern times.

DR. SHAPIRO CONVICTED.

He Paid Twenty Dollars for Using Vulgar Language.

Dr. Lazarus Shapiro, 1205 Market street, appeared in Judge Campbell's court yesterday to answer a charge of using vulgar language to W. H. Brewster, conductor on the Castro-street line, last Sunday afternoon.

After hearing the evidence the Judge found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to pay a fine of $20 or be imprisoned for twenty days. "There was no excuse for your conduct," said the Judge, "and if there had been ladies in the car at the time I would have fined you $100. You should have paid your fare, and if you thought you had a grievance you could have complained to the proper officials of the company." The fine was paid.

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