LATEST OAKLAND NEWS.

All the Railroad Corporations Plead for Reduced Assessments.

NEW STEAM ROAD TO DECOTO.

San Leandro Wants the Wilmerding School and the Railroad Hospital.

The Southern Pacific and allied corporations had their inning yesterday before the Alameda County Board of Equalization. E. Black Ryan appeared with a big roll of type-written petitions representing a dozen corporations, for each of which he was the "agent." He was accompanied by Attorney Foulkes of the Southern Pacific law office and Luther Fillmore.

Mr. Ryan commenced with a petition asking that the assessments of the property of the Central Pacific be reduced from $677,000 to $10. His petition stated that the State Board of Equalization only has the right to assess railroad property operated in more than one county, and the company, he said, operates in nineteen counties in this State. A letter was received from Charles M. Coglan, clerk of the State Board, which supported Mr. Ryan's position. It read as follows:

I, Charles M. Coglan, clerk of the State Board of Equalization, do hereby certify that the roadway, roadbed, rails and all rolling stock of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, local and other lines, operated in the city of Oakland, Alameda County, according to the descriptions and maps on file in this office, have been, since 1880 up to this time, assessed by the State Board of Equalization, and according to the description and statement furnished to the board by the railroad company for 1895, and all have been included in the assessment for this year. CHAS. M. COGLAN, Clerk State Board of Equalization.

L. C. Morehouse of the State Board happened to be in the boardroom, and he was put on the stand by Mr. Ryan to show that the Central Pacific should not be assessed in this county. Morehouse testified that the Central Pacific had been assessed by the State Board for many years past.

"What difference would it make if you found that the company had been operating the road as a streetcar system and had been charging fare in Oakland?" asked Assessor Dalton.

"I don't think it would make any difference," said Morehouse. The matter was taken under consideration.

The Central Pacific Company also asked to have the assessments on its lands reduced from $306,200 to $196,800.

The South Pacific Coast Railroad has been assessed $45,000 for its wharf improvements and $3500 for the horsecar railroad from Centerville to Newark. They want a reduction to $25,000 and $1400.

Mr. Ryan asked that the depot be reduced from $150,000 to $85,000 and the improvements on Long Wharf from $15,000 to $7000.

The question of the value of the ferryboats was the next matter presented by Mr. Ryan. He said that the combined life of the ferry-boats was equal to 250 years, and 192 years of this had been lived.

"What did they cost originally?" asked Attorney W. R. Davis.

"Oh, I don't know that," replied Mr. Ryan.

From Mr. Ryan's petition the following figures are taken. They show the aggregate cost, the assessment by Mr. Dalton and the value placed on them by the railroad. The figures are for the half of each boat assessable in Alameda County:

Age Years.	Boat.	Assessor's Figures.	Railroad Valuation.
27	Alameda.....	$17,500	$7,500
27	El Capitan....	15,000	6,500
22	Transit.....	25,000	11,250
24	Thoroughfare.	20,000	11,000
20	Oakland.....	35,000	14,700
12	Piedmont	40,000	19,000

It was also stated in the petition that $58,566 is annually expended on the boats, and that one or two are so feeble that it is not expected they will pass the next inspection of the naval inspectors.

A big reduction was next asked for the narrow-gauge ferry-boats. Their ages were not given. The reductions asked are: Bay City, from $30,000 to $11,500; Encinal, $30,000 to $11,500; Garden City, $20,000 to $9000; Newark, $30,000 to $11,300.

Mr. Ryan next applied for big reductions for the Oakland Street Railway Company. This includes Telegraph avenue, San Pablo avenue and Twelfth-street horsecar lines. Mr. Ryan said the roads were being operated at a loss, and consequently the franchises were worthless.

The Pacific Improvement Company was next heard from. Mr. Ryan said the land owned by the company was assessed for $71,775. This is the property near the narrow-gauge depot at Fourteenth street, Oakland.

"I do not know how the surrounding land is assessed," said Agent Ryan, "but all we want is a square deal. We want no favors and now, gentlemen, that is all."

Next Wednesday morning Assessor Dalton will be given a chance to defend his figures.

The Contra Costa Water Company asked that its assessment of $225,000 on its franchise be reduced to a nominal figure. Their argument will be heard Tuesday.

The Oakland Gas Light and Heat Company asked for a reduction from $170,000 to $50,000.

The East Oakland Electric Railway asked for a reduction from $76,975 to $35,250.

The Oakland, San Leandro and Haywards Electric Railway thinks that $79,356 is nearer its true value than $239,850 and asks to have the change made.

This ended the labor for the day and the board will meet again to-morrow afternoon.

SAN LEANDRO IN LINE.

Her Board of Trade Reaches Out for Local Improvements.

The San Leandro Board of Trade has elected the following officers to serve for the coming year: John Driver, president; R. B. Cary and J. F. Hopper, vice-presidents; W. P. Truesdell, secretary; D. McCarthy, financial secretary; Joseph Herrscher, treasurer. The board of directors are J. A. Gallet, J. Black, P. Godchaux, J. E. Quinn, J. Baumberger, J. M. Estudillo, D. Ury, D. Best, O. J. Lynch, Colonel Bridges, T. H. Rantzau.

"The Board of Trade is extremely wide-awake," says the Haywards Journal. "They believe in encouraging industries to locate there. They have made overtures to the stove works at Newark, about to change their location, to come to San Leandro, and their next move was to appear before the Board of Regents of the State University and offered to donate ten acres of land if the regents located the Wilmerding Industrial School, that has a legacy of $250,000, at that place. The regents requested the committee to put their proposition down in writing."

The board is also negotiating with the Southern Pacific Railroad regarding the contemplated railroad hospital.

NEW STEAM ROAD.

First Piece of Line Built for Many Years in Alameda County.

The Southern Pacific Company is now doing the only piece of steam railroad building which has been done in Alameda County in a good many years. It is constructing a line, two miles long, from Alvarado, which is on the narrow-gauge line, to a point on the broad gauge, two miles west of Decoto.

This is being done by arrangement with the beet-sugar company at Alvarado, which bought a right of way, at the expense of about $5000, and gave it to the Southern Pacific. The motive on the part of the sugar company was a desire to get cheaper transportation for its beets from Pleasanton, where a considerable part of its supply is produced. It will also be an advantage to the sugar company in this, that when it wishes to ship sugar into the interior it can be loaded on cars of standard gauge and sent to its destination without reshipment.

A BIG REDUCTION.

Commerce Street Can Be Opened at a Reasonable Cost.

The second report of the opening of Commerce street in East Oakland was filed with the City Clerk yesterday. Judge Henshaw declared the first assessment void. The first assessment allowed $31,215 for property to be taken, but this has been cut to $13,790, a reduction of $17,225. The total assessment is $18,423 30, which must be paid by owners of 1810 lots. The 33 per cent of the total which has been expended in fees is divided as follows: Maps, $170; abstracts, $300; experts, $40; surveys, $200; commissioners' fees, $1500; attorneys' fees, $750.

From His Cabin to the Grave.

Alonzo Hill, for many years a resident of San Leandro, died at the County Hospital last week. The deceased was a native of New York and lived seventy-two years. Hill was a veteran of the Civil War and was once prosperous, but adversity overtook him several years ago. Till within two weeks of his death he lived in a cabin back of St. Joseph's Hall, where friends of the old soldier saw that he wanted nothing.

Sale of Sessions Basin.

Sheriff White sold Sessions Basin to Mrs. M. P. Benton yesterday for $13,232, to satisfy a judgment against E. C. Sessions. A portion of the property was reclaimed some years ago by Mr. Sessions at considerable expense. It extends from the railroad tracks across the marsh to ship channel, and in a few years will be a valuable commercial property.

Haywards High School.

Notice has been received by the Haywards High School that it has been accredited by the University of California in all the subjects of its course of study that are included in the requirements for admission to the university. Accordingly such graduates of the school as shall be recommended by the authorities will be admitted to the university without examination.

Waymire's Answer.

James A. Waymire has filed an answer to the suit of the Pacific Improvement Company, which involves the title to a large amount of marsh land on the Alameda shore of the estuary. Waymire claims seven acres through the Peralta grant and says he has been in possession of it for twelve years.

Haywards Is Thankful.

The two performances at the Castro-street Theater last Saturday and Sunday evenings by the Fletcher family were very poorly attended, and because the people of Haywards did not turn out in large numbers to witness the shows of this itinerant aggregation of "talent" the manager says he will "burn up" the town of Haywards among all the players and actors whom he knows.

His idea of "burning up" is to warn his theatrical friends that Haywards is a "jay" town, its people are unable to appreciate talent, and that the place should therefore be boycotted.

It is to be hoped he will do as he threatens, and if so a prayer of thankfulness ought to be offered.—Haywards Review.

Corral Hollow Mines.

John Treadwell and the company interested with him in the Corral Hollow road have let the contract for 100,000 railroad ties. There is no longer any doubt but what the road will be built from Stockton to the mines. The electric road from Oakland to the mines should now receive all the encouragement possible, and we have no doubt but what it will.—Livermore Herald.

HISTORY OF A DAY.

Alameda County Happenings Told in Brief Chapters.

Sessions Basin was sold yesterday to satisfy a judgment.

A new steam road is being built from Alvarado to Decoto.

San Leandro's Board of Trade is reaching out for everything in sight.

Commerce street in East Oakland will be opened for half the original assessment.

The Oakland navy's second race over the new course will take place to-day at 2 o'clock.

Some of the Oakland insurance agents are trying to form a local compact. They find there is no money in cutting rates.

"Good-by wife, I am going," said Hugh Dougherty, a Southern Pacific engineer, yesterday, and a minute later he died.

Among the first consignment of California fruit sold at auction in Covent Garden, London, yesterday, was some shipped by R. D. Stevens of Oakland.

The Southern Pacific Company's agent, Black Ryan, stated yesterday that some of the ferry-boats were so weak that they probably would not pass another inspection.

John T. Agar, executor of the will of Joseph Macdonough, has been substituted as defendant in the suit of Thomas Cross and others upon certain liens, and has given notice of an appeal.

J. H. Russell, a Contra Costa farmer, has filed a petition in insolvency. He owes $6836 50 and has a farm and crops worth $3350, but mortgaged. He has $350 worth of farm utensils.

The ladies connected with the Women's Exchange of Alameda will give a phantasma on August 8, 9 and 10 at that place, in which fifty young ladies will take part, presenting living pictures of various scenes.

The Haywards Board of Trustees has passed an ordinance prohibiting cyclists from using the sidewalks at certain times. Violation of its provisions is punishable by a fine of not less than $5 nor more than $100.

Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, once an Oakland boy, now the popular young pastor of the First Baptist Church of Paterson, N. J., a church of nearly 900 members, will supply the pulpit of the Tenth-avenue Baptist Church, East Oakland, for the next three Sundays.

A petition has been filed by H. H. Ellis, Robert Ellis and J. W. Peck, asking the Supervisors to open a road 40 feet wide from the railroad station at Sunol through Glen avenue, formerly known as Sinbad and Bacheider canyon, to the road known as the Dublin road.

ALAMEDA COUNTY ROADS.

The New Tanks Help to Make Traveling Comfortable.

Travelers over the county road from Haywards to Niles note with appreciation the improvement that has been made in the road since wells were dug and tanks put up so that it could be sprinkled. While this improvement is noted with pleasure it is with altogether a different sort of feeling that the absence of any means for sprinkling that part of the road in Mount Eden district is considered.

Before these tanks were put up the road was in a very unsatisfactory condition, and it was anything but a pleasure to ride over it in the summer. Now one can travel over it with some degree of comfort, the change having been brought about by the sprinkling of the road. What has been done in the Niles district could be done in the Mount Eden district, and the matter ought to be given early attention by the Board of Supervisors. Between Niles and the Halfway House there are five wells, and between the Halfway House and Haywards, a distance of about three miles, two such wells would be sufficient.

Besides being more pleasant for travelers over this much used road it would be a matter of economy to sink the wells and secure needed water for sprinkling. The gravel that has to be put on the road every few years is now ground to atoms and carried away in the form of dust. If the road were sprinkled this would be avoided to a large extent and the graveling process would not have to be gone through so often.—Hayward Review.

WALRATH WANTS DAMAGES.

Is Not Satisfied With the Decision of the Circuit Court.

The case of Austin Walrath vs. The Champion Mining Company has been carried to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The plaintiff located the Providence mine in the days of '49, and later was one of the principal holders in the Consolidated Wyoming mines.

The defendants asserted that they had a right to follow the dips and spurs leading from their mines in any direction.

Walrath held differently, and sued for $500,000 damages and also asked for a restraining order. He secured the latter, but his damages were only assessed at one-half the amount claimed. Not being satisfied with Judge McKenna's decision he now seeks to recover the entire amount claimed through the Court of Appeals.

BERKELEY'S GREAT LOSS.

Professor Edward L. Greene Leaves for the Catholic University.

AMERICA'S LEADING BOTANIST.

He Will Occupy the Chair of Botany in the Washington Institution.

Professor Edward L. Greene, who has been connected with the botanical department of the University of California for the past ten years, left for the East yesterday to begin his labors as Professor of Botany at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D. C.

Negotiations had been going on for some time past between the authorities of the Catholic University and Professor Greene, but it was not until about three months ago that his intention of leaving the Pacific Coast was announced.

In 1885, Professor Greene was appointed instructor of botany at the University of California, having been engaged for fifteen years prior to that time in special research into West American botany. At the time of his appointment it was assumed in the East, where Dr. Greene had long been known, that his selection by the Board of Regents was in recognition of the already distinguished service which he had rendered to California botany; though the truth was simply that an efficient and learned botanical instructor was needed, and Mr. Greene was both on the ground and available for the position.

Promotion from instructor's title to assistant professor followed in due time, but it was not until 1892, when at the International Congress of Botanists held at Genoa, Italy, that Dr. Greene was selected as the most eminent of North American botanists, and that the Board of Regents of the University of California moved to bestow upon the man who had been so honorably recognized abroad the title of professor.

At the International Congress of Botanists held in connection with the World's Fair two years ago, Dr. Greene was elected to the chairmanship of that body by acclamation.

In the organization of the Science Association of the University of California in 1893 Professor Greene, in conjunction with Professor Lawson, was a conspicuous mover, and became the first president of the association.

As early as 1891 Professor Greene received an invitation to go to Washington, D. C., for the purpose of delivering a course of public lectures at the newly opened Catholic University.

For two reasons this invitation was declined—on account of the very small corps of assistants then allowed the head of the department of botany at the University of California it was rendered impossible for him to leave for a few weeks in the midst of his winter's work at home; and secondly, because it was thought that this invitation tacitly implied a sort of candidacy for the future chair of botany at the new institution.

On account of these conditions this first invitation to the Catholic University was declined, and only a few of the professor's most intimate friends knew of it at the time.

Last year the Right Rev. Dr. Keane visited the Pacific Coast in the interests of the Catholic University, and meeting Professor Greene then for the first time asked if he would consent to entertain a proposition to go to Washington to accept the chair of botany in the Catholic University of America. The result was that a year later he tendered his resignation to the Board of Regents in order that he might accept the position offered in the East and thereby have more time to devote to original work.

In accepting his resignation the Board of Regents placed upon record the following graceful tribute to the zeal, learning and efficiency of the retiring official:

In accepting the resignation of Professor Edward Lee Greene the Board of Regents desires to express their sense of the great value of his services during the ten years of his connection with the university. He has performed the duties of his chair with singular devotion to the interests of science, giving unsparingly of his time and means, laying the results of this work before the public and gaining high distinction for his department of instruction. It is to be hoped that he will still find time to continue and publish his researches in the field, which he has made so peculiarly his own, the botany of California and the adjacent States.

Adopted April 9, 1895.

Last month, the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its founding, conferred upon Professor Greene the honorary degree of LL.D.

He holds membership in a number of societies at home and abroad, among which are the California Academy of Sciences; Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia; the Biological Society of Washington, and the International Academy of Botanical Geography, in France.

The department of botany at the University of California can hardly be said to have had an existence prior to the appointment of Professor Greene, in 1885; and by the withdrawal of his choice library and invaluable private collection of West American plants, advanced and critical work must necessarily, for a time, at least, almost cease, and the absence of the stimulus of his personal zeal and enthusiasm will be felt by all students who continue in the department.

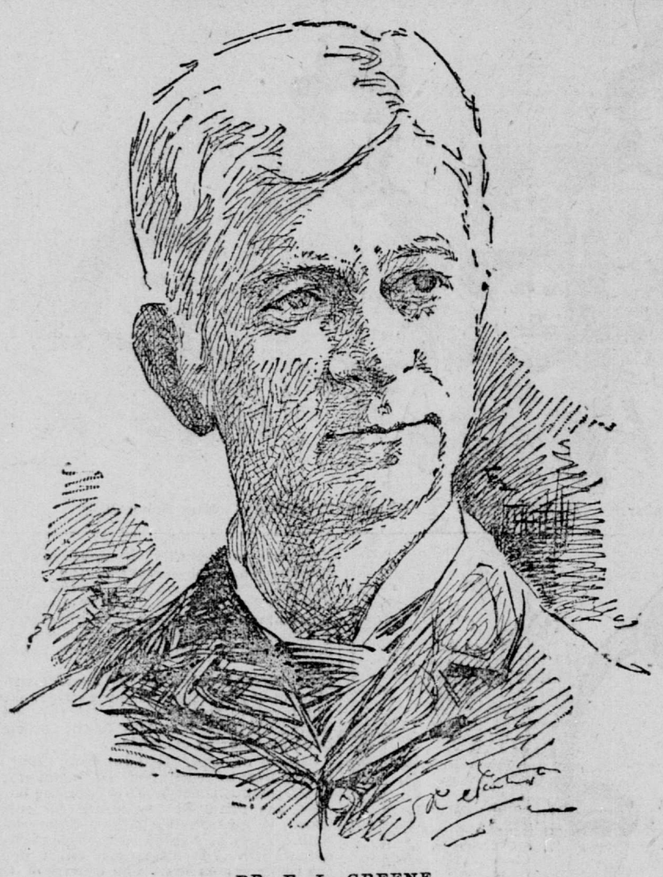
The many scores of correspondents, including teachers of botany, farmers, horticulturists, forestry men and amateur botanists, who have applied to him constantly during the ten years of his connection with the university, will doubtless feel that his place at the State institution cannot soon be filled.

Under his management botany at the university was the first department to issue a monthly journal, and it is doubtful if the whole aggregate of the departments combined have published as much in the time of original contributions to knowledge as has the department of which Dr. Greene was the head.

Of the expense of all this scientific publication, amounting to more than $8000, the university has not borne a dollar.

The following are some of the leading contributions of Dr. Greene, to the knowledge of the plant world:

"New Species of Plants from New Mexico," four papers in Botanical Gazette, Vol. VI, 1881; "New Plants of California, Arizona and Mexico," nine papers in Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club, Vols. IX and X, 1882-83; "Studies in the Botany of California and Parts Adjacent," six papers in Bulletin of the California Academy of Sciences, Vols. I and II, 1885-87; "Bibliographical Notes on Well-Known Plants," ten papers in Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club, Vols. XIV-XVII, 1887-90; "Pittonia," a series of eighty-seven papers, in two volumes, pp. 617, 1887-92; "Illustrations of West American Oaks," 1889-90; "Flora Franciscana," an attempt to classify and describe the vascular plants of Middle California, 1891-92; "Manual of the Botany of the Region of San Francisco Bay," a systematic arrangement of the higher plants growing spontaneously in the counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco, in the State of California, 1894; "Erythea," a journal of botany, Vols. I and II, 1893-94.



DR. E. L. GREENE.
[*From a photograph.*]

LATEST BERKELEY NEWS.

An Estimate for Fire Apparatus for the North End to Be Made.

Crescent Wheelmen Organize an Annex to the Club—Faculty Personals.

The Board of Town Trustees held a meeting Friday evening.

It was decided to compel petitioners for street work in the future to advance enough money to cover the cost of the advertising in cases where a majority of property-holders do not sign petitions.

The Fire and Water Committee reported that the north end of town was greatly in need of fire protection. It was authorized to obtain an estimate of the cost of suitable apparatus for the protection needed. It was also stated that two miles of San Pablo avenue had no fire protection, and that water for street sprinkling had to be brought from a great distance.

Gad Aylwin presented a statement to the effect that he has paid an assessment of $135 56 toward the opening of Calais street, that the work had not been done and that it should either be commenced or his money should be refunded.

A proposition to construct a fire-alarm service in Berkeley was read by an Oakland contractor, but it was not accepted on account of the present depleted condition of the town treasury. Bills to the amount of $1810 were allowed.

Crescent Wheelmen Organize.

The wheelmen of the Crescent Athletic Club held a meeting Friday evening and formally organized a bicycle annex to the club.

A discussion arose as to the legality of the proceedings, some claiming that Putzker, having been elected captain for a year, was entitled to serve out his term, while others argued that as the annex was a new organization there should be a new captain also. The board of directors of the club had already decided to recognize as a member of their body the captain elected by the annex. Putzker brought the discussion to a close by resigning.

The following officers were elected: Captain, Charles Gompertz; first lieutenant, Fred B. Wilkins; second lieutenant, Bert Price; sergeant, Charles Taber; bugler, Frank McClain; color-bearer, David Lane.

The new club had its first run to the Piedmont baths, Oakland, last evening.

Faculty Personals.

Professor William Carey Jones, who has been attending the National Educational convention at Denver, returned home yesterday.

Dr. Joseph Le Conte, who has also been at the convention, went to Tahoe to join his family.

Professor Brown of the department of pedagogy is at Long Beach, Los Angeles County, delivering a course of lectures at the summer school there.

Professor Thomas R. Bacon is lecturing at Colorado Springs before the summer school.

Professor Bailey, who expected to read a paper at the Denver convention, is recovering from an attack of pleurisy at his home in South Carolina.

When Adolf Menzel, the painter and illustrator of Frederick the Great, was at work on his picture, "A Flute Concert at Sans Souci," in 1850, he asked the Court Marshal to allow him to see the music-room by candle light, but this was refused. Kaiser Wilhelm recently, to honor the painter, who is nearly 80, invited him to a concert, where the whole court was dressed in costumes of the period, and Menzel's picture was reproduced, the Kaiser himself representing one of Frederick's aid-de-camps, and the musicians playing his flute concerto.

NEW POLICE CAPTAINS.

Only Sergeants Wittman and Gillen Have Been Named So Far.

DOUGLASS STILL HOLDS ON.

Resignations to Go Into Effect on the First—Commissioner Gunst's Return.

The time within which the Police Commissioners requested Captains Douglass, Stone and Short, Sergeant Cohen and Policemen Asher, Gallagher and Harold to send in their resignations expired yesterday.

An effort was made to ascertain whether all had complied with the request of the Commissioners, but no official information on the point could be procured. That will not be made known till the next meeting of the board.

It is generally believed that all, with the exception of Captain Douglass, have sent in their resignations. The fact has already been mentioned that Captain Douglass has been making a determined fight to retain his position, and a petition signed by downtown merchants in his behalf was laid before the board at its meeting on July 10.

The captain has not, it is understood, filed his resignation, as requested, and that will force the Commissioners to either "break" him or retain him. If the former course is adopted the reasons can only be old age or incompetency. The captain contends that he is not too old to perform his duties satisfactorily, and he is just as competent, if not more so, than when he was a younger man.

If the Commissioners should decide to "break" him, the question has been discussed as to whether that would debar him from enjoying the benefits of the pension fund. That point was settled, however, in the case of Sergeant Cole, who was decapitated at the time of the upheaval in March of last year, caused by the alleged corruption in the department. He demanded to be placed on the pension list, and was successful.

Beyond placing himself in the peculiar position of holding an office, which he has been asked to give up, assuming he should be retained, the captain has apparently nothing to lose by the stand he has taken.

Chief Crowley was asked yesterday if he had any information to impart as to when the board would meet to take action on the resignations and as to the officers who will be the new captains.

"I cannot say," replied the Chief, "when the Commissioners will meet. They may call a special meeting for Monday night, or they may wait till the regular meeting on Wednesday night. What action they will take I do not know.

"You must understand that these officers have simply been 'requested' to send in their resignations—not commanded. I am, of course, a Commissioner, but the appointment of captains, as I have said before, rests with the other Commissioners, and I cannot say whom they will appoint."

Only the successors of Captains Douglass and Short have thus far been selected, and they will be without doubt, Sergeants Wittman and Gillen. The Commissioners have under consideration Sergeants Robinson, John Martin, Bennett, Esola and Price, for the third vacancy, and there will be a fourth captain to name when the seventy-five extra patrolmen are put on. Wittman has been pushed forward by Commissioner Gunst, and as far as can be learned this was the only fight he had, although he did put in a kind word for Sergeant Gillen, with his brother Commissioners.

The new captains, it was learned last night, will, in all likelihood, be appointed a week from Wednesday night, which will be the last day of the month. By that time all the appointments will be ready whether Gunst returns to the City or not, and will then be named. The Commissioners have no idea when Mr. Gunst will return, but his absence will not interfere with the business of the department.

Commissioner Tobin when seen last night would not mention the men agreed upon, and, in fact, said that the matter had not been settled.

"We have talked over the promotions," said the Judge, "but there has really been nothing definitely determined. We leave a great deal in the selections to the judgment of Chief Crowley, or rather, we are guided to a great extent by it. I do not think there will be any appointments made before the night of the 31st, for, as I understand it, all the resignations take effect on the 1st. Only two of the new captains have been considered, to tell the truth, and we have had no time to consider the sergeants or the lieutenants at all.

"As far as I can learn the resignation of Captain Douglass has not yet been handed in. I have heard that the captain had refused to resign, but what he can expect to make of it, I do not see. I am very sorry for Captain Douglass, but the Commissioners have already acted in his case and I do not think that they will reconsider it. If he will not resign, why there is only one course open to us, and that is to eliminate his name from the roll."

Commissioner Gunst will not be present at the meeting at which the new captains and sergeants will be named. He is not expected home until August 5.

LATE NEWS OF ALAMEDA.

Three Claimants Appear for Land Along the New Tidal Canal.

J. L. Isaacs Gets Into Trouble Over His Building, and Wonders Where He Is At.

H. A. Hebard, who owns the first lot on the tidal canal, made application to the County Board of Equalization a few days ago to be assessed on another piece about half an acre in extent. As there was no opposition the application was granted. Now two other claimants have cropped up—Samuel Wells and Miss Josephine Marcuse. Their deeds show lines running northerly from Blanding avenue to the middle of San Antonio Creek, and would take in the property now in dispute.

When the excavation was made for the canal the creek disappeared, so if the case reaches court parol evidence will be necessary to fix the location of the creek which is not shown on any of the old maps.

Sued by a Real-EState Man.

Captain Hanley, a real-estate agent on Park street, instituted a suit yesterday afternoon for $50 against J. L. Isaacs. The claim is for valuable information given him and on which Isaacs acted. He had to find a new site on which to place a building that was about to be removed for him by the town authorities because he was so long in doing it himself. The site was found for him by the captain.

The case of Mrs. B. Comfort against Isaacs for damages and loss of business caused by him forcing her to leave the building in question while she held a lease thereof ought to have been considered yesterday, but was continued until next Wednesday.

Church Services.

The sacred song, "Miserere, Domine," the words by Alfred F. Kercheval, which have been set to music by Theodore Vogt, will be sung at this evening's service of the Unitarian Church by Mrs. McCormick, the 'cello obligato being played by E. Victors.

In the First Baptist Church the English revivalist, Henry Varley, will deliver an address this evening. To-morrow night the pastors of the different denominations will meet and arrange for a series of revival services to be conducted by him.

Buck's Funeral To-Day.

The funeral of Ole Buck, the car conductor, found drowned in the bay near Oakland long wharf, will take place this afternoon from the residence of his mother, 935 Taylor avenue. The interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

Three Tramps Jailed.

The tramps still haunt the sidetracked freight cars at Melrose. Deputy Constable Schrader found three, who were yesterday committed to five days each in the County Jail.

Oakland Navy Races.

The Oakland navy will hold races this afternoon on the estuary. The start will be from the Alameda Boat Club house at 2 o'clock.

MAY DEFEAT THE BONDS.

Oakland Taxpayers Are Threatened With an Enormous Levy.

The Necessary Vote Could Not Be Obtained Last Year at a Special Election.

The action of the City Council in passing to print, on Friday night, the ordinance calling a special bond election has aroused the Populists, who are making active efforts to repeat their work of September of last year. On that occasion the question of refunding the maturing bonds for $140,000 was submitted to the electors and hopelessly beaten. The bonds are now nearly due and the same question is to be voted on again.

It is almost certain that the measure will be defeated, and if such proves to be the case the September tax levy will have to be increased from $1 12 to $1 47 to meet the obligations. The same organized effort on the part of the Populists will be made, and they claim that they can easily prevent the two-thirds vote necessary to legalize the reissue of the bonds.

When the question was submitted to the electors last September less than one-quarter of the usual number of votes was cast. Of these 1194 were for the bonds and 806 against. The reissue was, therefore, killed at that time. Since then the Populists have increased in numbers and received much encouragement by the election of a County Treasurer, Sheriff and Superintendent of Schools last November and by the election of Mayor Davie last March. A Populist Chief of Police will take office on August 1, and will still further strengthen the party. As one of the planks of their platform is in opposition to the issue of bonds it is very probable that the $140,000 will have to be provided for in the tax levy.

"Should the measure be lost at the polls," said the Auditor yesterday, "there will be no alternative but to provide for the payment of the matured bonds in the tax levy to be made in September. It will cause a fearful rate to be made, as 35 cents will require to be added, solely for the purpose of paying the bonds.

"At the last election, when this very same question was voted upon, less than 25 per cent of the voters turned out, and the measure was killed. I have not much faith in special elections, but if the taxpayers don't want to have an enormous increase in their taxes they had better put in an appearance on August 31."

Should the Populists vote unanimously the refunding proposition would be beaten, but there is some difference of opinion regarding the policy of bond issues, and as a large number of the party is composed of small owners it is hoped by the large taxpayers that personal inclinations will outweigh party fealty.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Estate of John Sullivan (by F. J. Sullivan, executor) to Charles S. Crittenden, re-record 1519 d 360 of lot on N line of McAllister street, 150 W of Devisadero, W 25 by N 137:6; $1850.

Charles McCarthy (by J. P. McCarthy, attorney) to Hugh and T. P. Hogan, lot 30, block 15, Lakeview; $10.

John J. and Mary L. O'Farrell to Henry F. Burns, lot on NW line of Mission street, 25 SW of Francis, SW 25 by NW 100, Academy Tract; $10.

Minnie A. Munroe to Margaret Munroe, lot on S line of State street, 3 feet W of lot 21, block 15, Flint Tract, E 50, S to SW boundary of Flint Tract, NW 60, N to beginning; gift.

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

Margaret A. Cahill of Oakland to James L. and Michael Morris, lot 13, block D, Oak View Homestead Association, Oakland; $5.

Mountain View Cemetery Association to Mrs. Victorine F. Anthony, the W portion of lot 13, in plat 35, Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland Township; $10.

Frank H. Kellogg to Julia F. Kellogg, lot on N line of Eagle avenue, 168 E of Willow street, E 42 by N 150, block 16, lands adjacent to Encinal, Alameda; gift.

James Young of Contra Costa to James T. Glenn of Oakland, lot on N line of Thirty-fifth or Walton street, 281 W of Telegraph avenue, W 60 by N 120, being portion of lots 28 and 29, Brown Tract, Oakland; $10.

Celina Ruet of Oakland to Clarisse Ruet of Oakland, lots 2 and 3, block 56, Oakland; $500.

Bridget Kosmalski (wife of Frank) to Charles M. Fisher, lot on E line of Telegraph avenue prior to widening, 50 N of Hawthorne avenue, N 50 by E 125, being lot 13, Buena Vista Homestead, Oakland; $10.

Simon W. Powell of San Francisco to Nellie Shearer of Shasta County, lots 36, 37, 38, block J, Broadway Terrace, Oakland Township; $10.

A. W. Gamble of Alameda to Frances J. Kittemaster (wife of J.), lot on N line of Central avenue, 494:9¾ E from line between Aughinbaugh 223.374 acre tract and Chipman E 111.687 acre tract, N 148:5½, E 80, S 148:5½, W to beginning, Alameda; gift.

Same to E. A. Gurd (wife of George), lots 4 to 7, block 20, Oak Shade Tract, Alameda; gift.

Johanna K. Kower to Elizabeth A. Hamilton, lot on W line of Weber street, 925 S of Central avenue, S 50, W 133.95, N 50, E 133.65 to beginning, being lot 109, Encinal Park Tract, Alameda; $10.

Marcus Torrey of Irvington to Robert B. Crowell of Irvington, land commencing at a stake 30 feet W of SW corner of C. F. Peterson's lot on N line of Mission street in Irvington, thence N to South Main street, W to NE corner of Crowell's lot, thence S to North Mission street, E 10 to beginning, being a portion of lot 2, in section 3, township 5 south, range 1 west, town of Irvington, Washington Township; $10.

Builders' Contracts.

Henrietta Worsdale with Marcuse & Remmel, to build on S line of Seventeenth avenue, 350 W of Railroad, W 25 by S 100, all work on one-story frame; $1475.

California Bible Society with Gray Bros., concrete work, etc.; $5329.

Same with M. McGowan, brick, stone and terra cotta work; $9989.

Same with J. H. McKay, iron, carpenter and plastering work, etc.; $20,190.

Same with H. Williamson, plumbing work, etc.; $2612.

Same with W. T. Beck, painting, polishing, etc.; $820.

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