

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

DAVIS' CAMP NOT WILTING

Very Little Prospect of Unity in Alameda County.

No Use for a Conference That Cannot End in a Result.

The County Campaign Is Now Allied With the Fight for State Favors.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Feb. 7. The recent action of the forces of Dr. George Pardee has not so far struck terror in the Davis camps.

While all the rest of the State, if the utterances of its newspapers are correctly representing public opinion, is unanimous that Alameda County has quarreled so long that it has lost its chance of securing the Republican nomination of Governor, it is now more plain than ever that the local politicians do not believe that any such calamity has happened.

The suggestion made Saturday that it would be desirable to bring the two camps together for a conference has not met with any favor from the Davis side of the divided house.

Mr. Davis' general committee said this morning that if they can propose any plan that will be more effective or satisfactory than the new primary law we will give it our consideration.

This remark was not a random utterance. It is at once a notice of determination to keep in the field and a covert expression of confidence in victory at the primary.

The personnel of the various camps is interesting and shows how thoroughly the spirit of opposition has been aroused. In Mr. Davis' committee are Senator Stratton, Theo Gier, Mark Webber, John A. Britton, Valentine Hush, John E. Parnum, W. V. Wicher, George E. Morrow, G. W. Arper, Socrate Huff, G. L. Langan, Joe Henschler, Rube Hunter, M. W. Upton, W. D. Rowe, George Chase, George D. Metcalf, H. A. Powell and W. R. Thomas.

Dr. Pardee's camp are G. B. Danish, Frank Jordan, H. P. Dalton, Guy C. Earl, A. H. Breed, John Mitchell, Howard Emerson, R. J. Cavasso, A. L. Smith, W. H. Waste, Dr. H. W. Rowell, Howard E. Wright, F. C. Jarvis, H. C. Brown, Dr. C. T. Hedges, J. L. McCarty, Oscar F. Brieling, E. A. Mastick, Warren Cheney, W. A. Dow, Judge Stephen G. Nye, J. B. McClesney and Eugene Van Court.

It is daily becoming more evident that there will be some State and county combinations, and the delicate problem is now causing grave anxiety to candidates. The campaign will be the hottest known in Alameda County because of the certainty that it will mean four years of office.

The Assembly fight is also figuring largely. Hart H. North having secured the Immigration Commissioner's leave, a vacancy in his district, and should Frank Leavitt enter the race for the Senate there will be another place to be filled.

City Finances. ALAMEDA, Feb. 7.—According to the semi-annual report of the City Clerk, filed this afternoon, the various funds in the city have the following balances in them: General, \$14,771 28; municipal No. 2 interest, \$243 83; municipal No. 2 redemption, \$753 02; municipal No. 4 interest, \$539 88; municipal No. 4 redemption, \$2019 90; municipal No. 6 interest, \$349 39; municipal No. 6 redemption, \$446 91; sewer bond (1885) interest, \$3079 57; sewer bond (1885) redemption, \$1175 57; sewer bond (1885) redemption, \$1175 57; school, \$2331 52; municipal No. 3 interest, \$525 74; municipal No. 3 redemption, \$733 02; school general, \$3964 29; high school, \$3059 57; school library, \$3 42; school bond (1878) interest, \$39 88; school bond (1878) redemption, \$4102 52; municipal No. 1 interest, \$1068 02; municipal No. 1 redemption, \$2231 52; municipal No. 5 interest, \$270 58; municipal No. 5 redemption, \$413 83; health, \$1111 06; library, \$2397 15; exempt fire relief, \$84 50.

Alameda News Notes. ALAMEDA, Feb. 7.—Major Hilton is drawing good audiences at his evangelistic services. Meetings are held three times each day.

William Gordon, a bartender, broke his right leg yesterday while getting up from a lounge on which he had been lying. Some unexplained way the leg doubled under him as he rose and snapped bone just above the ankle.

Revel services are in progress at the Santa Clara Avenue Methodist Church and are meeting with success.

WEDDED HER STEPFATHER

Mrs. Jennie Culver Now the Wife of Alex McBean.

Her Mother Fatally Injured in a Runaway Two Years Ago.

Mr. and Mrs. McBean Will Make Their Residence in Oakland.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Feb. 7. Alexander McBean of the Lakeside district has surprised his friends by marrying his stepdaughter. The ceremony was performed at Los Angeles last week and was a very quiet affair.

They will make their residence in this city. Mrs. Jennie McBean has been married three times, but neither of her former ventures was happy.

Alexander McBean is a well-known lumber man of San Francisco, but has made his home in Oakland for many years. The family has always been very prominent in society, and it was mainly because of alleged discrimination against Mrs. McBean's turn-out in favor of P. E. Bowles, the banker, at the Fabiola fete, that the annual horse meet was discarded.

Mrs. Jennie McBean is a lady of charming personality and is well known in local social circles. WHAT THE COMPANY CAN DO. Opinion of the District Attorney on the Powers of Water Corporations.

OAKLAND, Feb. 7.—City Attorney Dow handed his opinion to the Water Committee of the City Council to-day. The opinion is based upon and quotes extensively from the San Diego water case, decided by the Supreme Court last year.

The most significant sections of the City Attorney's opinion are the following: Mr. Justice Temple also said: "There is no opinion, said: 'The service is worth no more when rendered by ten companies than when one company furnishes all the water,' and that the presence of competing companies should 'not call for increased rates.'"

Mr. Justice Temple said: "There is no obligation to remunerate water companies for the case of the Paraffine Paint Company against the State Board of Harbor Commissioners will be resumed this morning in Judge Belcher's court.

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THE O. R. & N. CO. DISPATCH FAST STEAMERS TO PORTLAND. From Spear-Street Wharf at 10 a. m. \$12 First Class including Berth \$8 Second Class and Meals. SCHEDULE OF SAILING: State of California, Jan. 23, Feb. 2, 12, 22, Columbia, Jan. 25, Feb. 7, 17, 27. Through tickets and through baggage to Eastern points. Rates and conditions apply to F. F. CONNOR, General Agent, 10 Montgomery St., San Francisco.

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OAKLAND, Feb. 7.—Randolph Thayer was being shown a pistol in C. M. Merrill's hardware store this morning, preliminary to making a purchase. Mrs. M. Altendorf, who was showing the pistol, pointed it toward the floor and pulled the trigger to show Thayer that its action was perfect.

that such an event was contemplated, it having made up its mind that the wealthy San Francisco lumber dealer would not marry again.

Mr. McBean was made a widower about two years ago by an unfortunate accident that ended fatally. Mrs. McBean was preparing for a drive, and had