

# OAKLAND'S RECALCITRANT COUNCILMAN FLEES FROM AN INDIGNANT MOB

## Major Woodward Seeks Safety Within the Walls of the City Jail to Escape the Wrath of Outraged Citizens.

OAKLAND, Feb. 24.—At 10 o'clock to-night Councilman Woodward is in the City Prison, needing protection of the bastille from the threatened violence and indignation of the mob which he has within the past two hours voted to rob of over \$100,000 in the interest of the allied water companies.

The man, who has been prating about his patriotism and loyalty and love for the flag, yet who fell when the first temptation offered, was arranged to-night in language only as scathing as it was true.

Mr. Cuvellier, Mr. Girard, Mr. Rowe and the packed, indignant lobby poured out the vials of their honest indignation and Woodward sat and squirmed.

The crowd was well prepared to express itself. This morning Mayor Thomas sent Woodward a letter expressing his indignation and demanding that the new Councilman either resign or rescind his action. It was remarkable that the Mayor, who sat by Woodward last Monday night, took so long to discover that, in his own language, "a bomb had exploded," but a deathbed repentance is perhaps better than none at all.

Woodward was duped worse than ever this afternoon, for he was persuaded to sign a long, clever argument in favor of the water companies, of the contents of which he knew nothing. He advanced it as "a defense," and it was worse than ridiculous and gave away the identity of his ownership worse than even his own vote.

When asked regarding some of his arguments Woodward could not say a

that under the rules of the Council he wished to make a few remarks relating to "the good of the city." He lost no time in a preamble, but plunged into his subject at once.

"Gentlemen of the Council, I desire to speak of the action of the Council taken last Monday night when a water resolution was passed which will have the effect of robbing the people of this city of a vast sum of money—certainly not less than \$100,000. Last Monday night I was so surprised at the outrage that I could not speak, but to-night I have recovered from that disgraceful shock and wish to go on record in this highway robbery affair.

"While we were discussing this matter in committee one member of this Council came to our meetings and was very anxious that we should not make a mistake. He told us to beware of the two water companies, as he was accustomed to them." He (Brosnahan) told us that he had been forced to fight the money and influence of the water companies in his own ward, and that they had tricks at command of which no one knew but an old hand. This was told us because we were supposed by this gentleman to be young at the business. Now, then, what are we to think? This man voted last Monday night as the water company wanted him to. We expected no support from some members of the Council, but when this one deserted us we felt like Caesar when he was stabbed by his friend Brutus.

"Now, then, I want to refer to the new member, and to address myself rather personally to him. I read in the papers that Mr. Woodward said that if he made an error last Monday night

### THOMAS DENOUNCES WOODWARD.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL. OAKLAND, Cal., February 24, 1898. E. W. Woodward, Councilman of Fifth Ward, Oakland, Cal.—Dear Sir: On the 18th inst. I appointed you as Councilman to represent the Fifth Ward of this city, and also to represent the people of the entire city as well. You accepted the position and assured me at the time that you would endeavor at all times to act for the best interests of the people.

When the resolution fixing water rates was presented to the Council on last Monday night, it came like a bomb shell into a sleeping camp, and the shell exploded when the vote was taken, and your vote was cast for the resolution. Surprise, disappointment and indignation filled my mind, and the minds of the people feel outraged at the action taken, and I now appeal to you to rescind your action (it is not too late) and to save the people, and I urge you to do this. I do not wish to dictate to any member of the Council how he should vote on any proposition but I ask you in the name of the people in this city to do what I believe to be the right thing as herein indicated and correct the wrong now. It seems you hold the key to the situation—use it. Very respectfully,

W. R. THOMAS, Mayor of the City of Oakland.

that he is not. Mr. Woodward, I speak to you now as to a new member who cannot know so much as I and my colleagues do. You have here to-night a chance to show that you were in error the other night, and that you are really what you said you were—without strings.

"Now I wish to offer you a resolution. It is to rescind the action of last Monday so that this matter can at least be discussed. I am aware that we are in the minority or were last Monday night, and I know that only

too tight. The man was sacrificed, and a sound that resembled a short groan indicated that Woodward had been unfaithful. All this happened in two seconds, but it seemed like twice that number of minutes.

Then the crowd spoke. It would be more proper to say it broke loose: "Traitor!" "Hang him!" "Tar and feathers!" "Boodler!"

These yells and a host of others were hurled at the squirming Councilman. Bedlam reigned and President Pringle rapped in vain for order. No one heard

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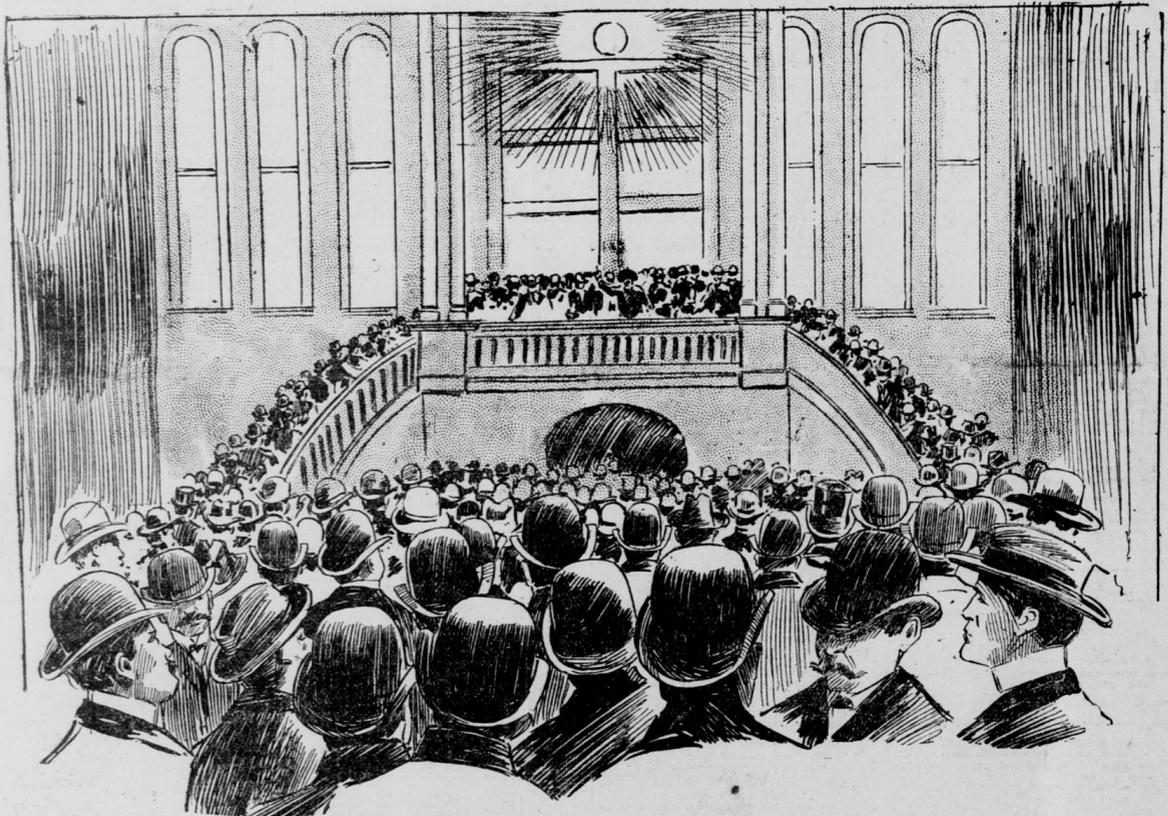
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word and did not know what he had signed. In the defense, which occupied four columns of an evening paper, were some of the arguments that had been used by Wilkinson of the Contra Costa Company, and Dungee of the Oakland company, in the committee rooms weeks before Woodward knew he was to be placed in a position he could disgrace. In his defense Woodward ignored the fact that the committee had arranged a schedule that would pay 6 per cent and give the company a bonus of \$35,000, but went into details of which he had no knowledge and showed by every paragraph that he was not the author and that his signature was a delusion.

The crowd had seen all this during the day, and came to see themselves surprised. And when Girard got up and said he had positive information that Woodward had given his typewriter the manuscript copy in handwriting other than his own, and could prove it, how that crowd did yell and hiss. Girard challenged Woodward to deny it, and the challenge was not accepted.

The meeting opened with a full attendance of Councilmen, and Mr. Cuvellier opened the ball by stating

by his vote it was a mistake of the head and not of the heart, and I believe him and shall continue to do so, till he himself persuades me that his own statement is false. I have here from The Call two statements paralleled. One credits Mr. Woodward last Friday with this remark: 'I am in favor of a public park for this city, and believe that the City Council should do everything possible to encourage progress. I go into office without a single string on me, and can be counted on the side of the people. I intend that my record as a Councilman shall be as clean as my record as a soldier. I have not yet studied water rates, but I'm for the people.' The other makes him say last Tuesday: 'I have studied water rates for twenty-six years. I have nothing to say in defense of my vote other than that I believe that I have done my duty, and knowing such to be the case, there is no power on earth that can change me.'

"I presume these interviews are correct." (Mr. Woodward squirmed assent.) "Now, then, Mr. Woodward poses as a member of the Grand Army and I hope he is sincere. I shall believe so unless he to-night proves to me

him, and the hissing and hooting could be heard for blocks away.

When it subsided some one called out: "Take his Grand Army button off!" A chorus of hisses followed while Woodward wriggled in his chair, looking at his feet.

The new member was really to be pitied. He had pledged himself that his record as a Councilman should be as spotless as his record as a soldier, and there he sat with the water companies' hired men beside him and the taxpayers of the city yelling and hooting at him and denouncing him in the most pronounced language.

The council chamber has been the scenes of many uproars, but none such as this. It was not without provocation that they yelled. That vote of the man "without strings" had cost the city a large fortune, a big portion of which will come out of poor men's pockets and go into the treasuries of the water companies to help pay for just such an exhibition of disloyalty to the people as occurred to-night.

After this refusal to take up the matter, Councilman Henneberry, with matchless effrontery, produced from his pocket a copy of the water companies'

resolution that was rushed through last Monday night. "I understand that the City Attorney has said that our job of last Monday night is not legal," said Henneberry, "so I propose to get it another way. I now offer this as an amendment to the ordinance of the committee that has been called for final passage."

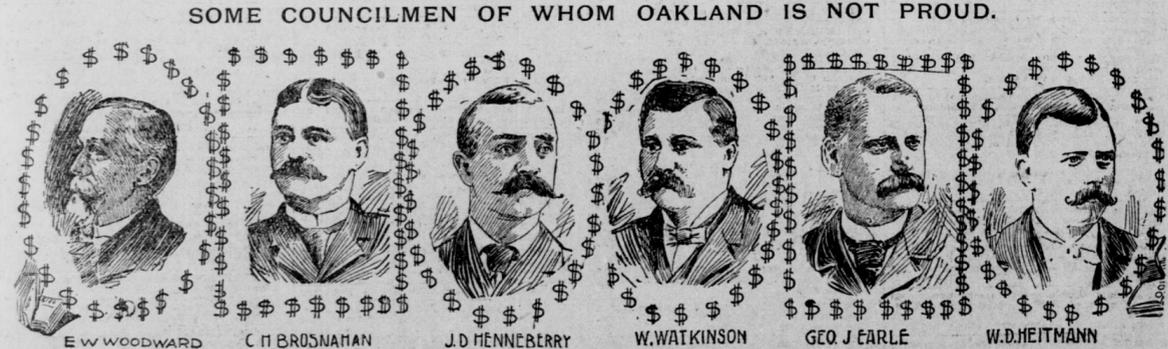
President Pringle was surprised at the boldness of the move to upset the honest ordinance and bolster up the jobbery of last Monday at one swoop, and decided that such a step was out of order. He said it should, under the rules, go to the proper committee. Here Heitmann, who has trained with the water companies for years, said that it could be done by taking it section by section and offering each as an amendment. By this underhanded method the people's ordinance was defeated piece by piece, and the allied companies completed their job.

Brosnahan repeated his old speech that he was votin' gwith the water companies' men out of nique because his pet measure, the ordinance grading liquor licenses, had been defeated, but nobody believed him. Heitmann made a complete wreck of his argument. He made a speech attempting to show that the rates of the poor man were reduced about 10 cents a month. He was shouting out this fact when Girard called his attention to the fact that the companies' ordinance took ten cents in one place and added thirty-five cents for a water closet, added something for washing windows, doubled the lawn charges, made a charge for a bath, and actually doubled the existing rate.

When he heard Girard's figures Heitmann saw that the subterfuge was no good, and quickly subsided while the crowd hissed him. As every section was voted on the eyes and noses were the same, and when Woodward's vote was recorded that big crowd hissed and reviled him till the ghost of Judas Iscariot, if he were within hearing, must have felt he had company.

When the section providing for paying 3 cents for each child at the public schools was brought up Mr. Rowe made another appeal to Woodward. "We pay for our children at home," said Mr. Rowe, "and when they are at school they are not drinking water at two places and yet we are called upon to vote this money to the company."

"Mr. Woodward, I will say for your benefit that we discussed this matter in committee, and after being very liberal to the water companies we allowed them a good percentage and a small fortune more. We carefully went over the figures and heard testimony till there was nothing more to investigate, and did our duty I believe intelligently and I know conscientiously."



Yesterday Morning the Call Published a Picture of Five Councilmen With the Caption, "Five Men of Whom Oakland is Proud—But There Are Others." To-day it Presents the "Others."

### AUCTION SALES.

MAGNIFICENT FURNITURE. THIS DAY. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1898. CORNER OF POST AND HYDE STREETS. ELEGANT PARLOR, CHAMBER, LIBRARY, DINING-ROOM AND KITCHEN FURNITURE. Don't Miss This! FRANK W. BUTTERFIELD, 602 Market st.

### THE FROZEN NORTH.

Lieutenant Peary Will Give Some Valuable Information Regarding It Next Sunday.

At the Baldwin Theater next Sunday night Lieutenant R. E. Peary will deliver his farewell lecture upon his adventures in northernmost Greenland, and while upon his recent expedition in search of the north pole.

### MR. BULL WILL JUDGE THE DOGS

Great Preparations Made for the Opening of the New Coursing Park.

Splendid Prizes Tempt Leasmen to Enter High-Class Greyhounds.

The Interstate Coursing Club, with I. F. Halton secretary, will hold its inaugural meeting on Saturday on the grounds of the Union Coursing Park Association, in San Mateo County, and it is expected that an immense crowd of leasmen and the lovers of the grand old sport of coursing will witness the first rundown of an exceedingly large stake.

Although the weather looks threatening, the club is in the hopes of having a day for its opening, but whether it rains or shines the meeting will be held. The new park is beautifully situated. The grand stand, which has cost considerable money to construct, will accommodate several thousand people and a magnificent view of each course may be obtained from any seat under its roof. The park itself has been pronounced perfect by experts, and coursing, as the land is springy and just sufficiently soft to enable the dogs to fly over it without sustaining any injury to their feet.

The hares now in the paddocks have been fed on corn for some days and it is expected that they will give a first-class account of themselves when they are called upon to speed for their lives toward the escape, which will be at least one mile from the place where the dogs are slipped.

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Berkeley News Notes. BERKELEY, Feb. 24. Mrs. Mary Weicker of 2244 Bancroft way was badly injured about the head yesterday by jumping off an electric car on Shattuck avenue. The car was derailed at the report caused by the burning of the electric fuse, and in her excitement she jumped from the car, striking her head, receiving her injuries in the fall.

Professor W. H. Hudson will address the Philosophical Society this evening on "Great Men and Their Environments."

Alameda News Notes. ALAMEDA, Feb. 24.—George Bacon, aged 15, and Grace Nichols, aged 16, both of this city, were married last evening.

M. Moller, a shipmaster of this city, is insolvent, with debts of \$344.99 and assets of \$339.20, subject to mortgage for \$150.55.

The police have found a bicycle which was evidently abandoned by some thief on Park street recently. The owner can have it by proving property at the police station.

### Dr. Gibbon's Dispensary,

625 KEARNY ST. Established in 1854 for the treatment of Private Diseases. Dr. J. F. O'CONNOR, Gen. Agent, 19 Market St., San Francisco.

### OCEAN TRAVEL.

PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP CO. Steamers leave Broadway wharf, 502 San Francisco, as follows: For ports in Alaska, 10 a. m., Feb. 5, 10, 20, 25, and every fifth day thereafter. For Victoria, Vancouver (B. C.), Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Anacortes and New Whatcom (Bellingham Bay, Wash.), 10 a. m., Feb. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and every fifth day thereafter. For Seattle, Seattle, with company's steamers for Alaska and G. N. Ry., at Tacoma with N. P. Ry., at Vancouver with N. P. Ry.

### THE O. R. & N. CO.

DISPATCH FAST STEAMERS TO PORTLAND From Spear Street Wharf at 10 a. m. FARE \$12 First Class Including Berth \$8 Second Class and Meals.

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French Line to Havre, London, Liverpool, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London, Liverpool, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam. The only line selling through tickets and giving through freight rates to all points on the Valley Railroad.

### STOCKTON STEAMERS.

Leave Pier No. 3, Washington St., at 9 a. m. FREIGHT RECEIVED UP TO 5:30 P. M. Accommodations reserved by telephone. The only line selling through tickets and giving through freight rates to all points on the Valley Railroad.

### FOR SAN JOSE, LOS GATOS & SANTA CRUZ.

Steamer Alviso leaves Pier 1 daily (Sundays excepted) at 9 a. m.; Alviso daily (Sundays excepted) at 5 p. m. Freight and Passengers. Fare between San Francisco and Alviso, \$2.00; San Jose, \$3.00; Clay Street, Pier 1, 41 North First street, San Jose.

### FOR U. S. NAVY-YARD AND VALLEJO.

Steamer "Monticello" will be up to receive new boiler and general overhauling on February 1, and resume her route on March 1. HATCH BROS.