

PLANNING TO CHECK THOSE STREET JOBS

Mayor Phelan May Block the Awarding of Contracts by the Supervisors.

Specifications Will Be Required to Explicitly Specify Work to Be Done for the City. An Eastern Example.

There was a noticeable stir around the City Hall yesterday, caused by the exposure in The Call of the bold fraud which was sought to be perpetrated on the city treasury by the Supervisors through jugglery of contracts for repairing and repaving bituminized streets.

"Strikes 'em hard under the belt," and "shows up the rotten scheme," were some of the remarks heard. The Street Committee of the Supervisors, whose "open door" specifications for repairs and re-covering of streets caused the investigation and the exposure, was by no means in good humor and had a number of hard things to say about "meddlesome newspapers" generally. That the game was blocked was only one feature of the offense. The past history of the street repairing contracts and of the city's expensive attempt to do the work itself, which was so mercilessly shown up, simply disgusted the gang of politicians who are in the public service for hoodlum ends.

"Approve this job," he queried with slight rebuke. "Not until I know exactly what the work advertised under these specifications consists of to the smallest detail. I propose to ascertain whether the contractor is to do \$5000 worth of work or \$15,000 worth for the fixed sum to be awarded him under the bid. I am studying the specifications at this time and have also been over some of the streets which the Supervisors' expert says need repaving. One crossing mentioned in the list certainly is in first class condition. That fact I have already ascertained. Further, the inclusion of that crossing is certainly a mistake. Other mistakes are possible. I will find out for myself. There is plenty of time."

"What is your opinion of specifications for street repairing and repaving that do not specify whether the contractor is to do much or little work for his money, the payment being a fixed sum?" was asked. "Any one who understands matters at all knows that such loose specifications invite fraud," tersely replied Mr. Phelan. "But I will study the whole matter over and be prepared to act as the circumstances require. No street repairing and repaving contract shall be let with my consent that does not exactly specify the work."

The matter of the award of the contract comes up before the Supervisors on next Monday afternoon, and a warm session is expected. Members Smith and Lackmann are outspoken in opposition to the award of the contract to the City Street Improvement Company, claiming that Bingham's \$23,000 bid for repairs and nine and one-half cents for repaving is the lowest. Supervisor Brice is the champion of the Improvement Company on its straight bid of \$37,750. Since The Call has shown up the inwardness of the whole matter it is quite probable that Smith and Lackmann will fight any award under the present specifications, although they make no announcement for the present of their intentions.

It is interesting in this connection to note that some time ago in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, the corruption incidental to the letting of contracts became so gross that the citizens took matters into their own hands, not by driving contractors and political bribe-takers out of town, but by standing over the contractors and compelling them to do their street

Weak Men ATTENTION! I suffered for years from sexual weakness, seminal prostatic structure, atrophy, neurasthenia, brain and nerve exhaustion. I was robbed, swindled and nearly ruined by unscrupulous doctors, medical institutes, etc. A brother clergyman told me he had suffered from the same trouble that I had, that he was treated and cured at small expense by an honest firm of manufacturing chemists, and advised me to write to them. I did so, they sent me a small book. I read it, followed the advice therein given, and was permanently cured for a few dollars. I would advise every man that is suffering from any weakness or disease to write at once to Lea, Wood & Co., Manufacturing Chemists, Lowell, Mass., a copy of their book entitled "A Practical Treatise on Sexual Weakness, Brain and Nerve Exhaustion." It tells how to cure yourself privately at home at small expense, and avoid being robbed by quacks and swindlers. REV. CHARLES U. DOWNING, In the Medical Investigator and Adviser. We, the undersigned, all located in the City of Lowell and State of Massachusetts, do hereby endorse and recommend the firm of Lea, Wood & Co. as being strictly honest, honorable and thoroughly reliable: Lowell Morning Mail, Lowell Daily Sun, Lowell Trust Company Bank, Chas. H. Hatch, ex-City Treasurer; John H. Harrington, ex-City Treasurer; John H. Fleming, ex-Alderman; Professor J. Frederick Rief, expert therapist. Order our book today for two stamps to pay postage. LEA, WOOD & CO., 55 Prescott Street, Lowell, Mass.

eral of them had evidently made out old-fashioned to do slipshod work, as had been the custom before. Several were compelled to make assignments, not being able financially to do the work on the specified lines, and the expectant politicians interested got no "divvy" but the city of Cincinnati secured a complete first class repaving of her principal business and residence streets at the moderate cost of \$4,000,000 (the municipality and an additional \$4,000,000 to the abutting property owners. The miles upon miles of granite and asphalt laid at that time is still in first class condition, but the contractors who were beaten by the public at their own game have not yet recovered from that tired feeling.

The example of the Cincinnati may yet be followed by the taxpayers of San Francisco, who have about reached the limit of their endurance of bold-faced steals. A careful watching of the contractors who may repave streets in this city—a comparison of their daily work with the specifications to prevent the slipshod work which has prevailed in the past. The contractors will be obliged to make the concrete bases of streets sufficiently firm to prevent future sinking, and to spread a two and a half inch layer of bitumen instead of a one and a half inch layer—always supposing that the specifications are properly drawn and that the authorities pay attention to the complaints of citizen volunteer inspectors regarding attempted violations of specifications. If each property owner along the line of improvements will constitute himself a guard over the contractors a long step will be taken toward the inauguration of a new order of things. The Call can always be depended upon to publish the substantiated statements of any citizens regarding non-performance of conditions and specifications by contractors.

BATTLE OF MANILA AT CENTRAL PARK REPRODUCTION OF SCENES OF THE LATE WAR.

Pyrotechnics and Special Features Will Unite the Parts of This Spectacular Display.

The spectacular pyrotechnic production of the "Battle of Manila" at Central Park promises to be one of the great attractions in the line of entertainments in the very near future. Neither money nor pains have been spared to present the severest principal acts of the drama of the recent war with Spain in a startling and realistic manner. The opening scene will show the harbor of Havana. On the shore the inhabitants are presented as attending a fete given by Governor General Blanco when the battleship Maine, its decks crowded with officers, marines and sailors, steams proudly in and salutes the forts. A launch is lowered and Captain Sigsbee is carried to the shore, where he is welcomed by the Governor General, who gives a banquet. "The Birth of the Stars and Stripes" to be danced by 200 young ladies attired in the American national colors. The ballet of the bullfighters will also be executed. In this scene the famous Cuban premier, Senorita Evangelina Ziguerra, will perform characteristic national dances. The destruction of the Maine concludes the first scene. This feature will be grand and realistic. In thirty seconds the scene is completely changed to the interior of Fort Cavio, where a tribe of Philippine Islanders perform their fantastic and religious rite, "The Devil Dance." The American fleet appears, the bombardment of Manila begins and the entertainment ends with the destruction of the Spanish squadron by Dewey.

DR. PIERCE'S REMEDIES

"BLOOD WILL TELL." The Grandson of a Great Author In the Famous Charge Up San Juan Hill. JACK HAWTHORNE'S LETTER TO HIS MOTHER.

In the Field, Cuba, July 6. Dearest Mother: I write to let you know that I am still alive and well, though I am rather surprised to find myself so. We had a terrible battle that lasted three days, and in which we lost 1630 killed and

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United States Branch. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE THURINGIA INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with financial data for Thuringia Insurance Company, including assets, liabilities, and income for the year ending December 31, 1892.

REMEMBERING CALIFORNIA'S ADMISSON DAY.



Officers Who Are Interested in the Preparations That Are Being Made to Celebrate the 9th of September in San Jose.

PURSUANT to the request made by William M. Conley, grand president of the Native Sons of the Golden West, in the city of San Jose, California, the celebration of the admission of California to the Union on the 9th of September, 1850, has already been made by the parlor of this city, those of Alameda and Santa Clara counties that they will endeavor to make the celebration in San Jose on the 9th of September one of the grandest that has ever been held under the auspices of the Californian organization.

San Francisco will be represented in the celebration by twenty-eight parlor, Alameda County by six and Santa Clara by three. The work of preparation here is being carried on under the direction of a joint committee, composed of representatives from the parlor of this city and from those of Alameda County, the officers of which are: Charles E. Mooser of Presidio Parlor, president; Robert W. Martland of Sequoia Parlor, secretary; and W. D. Shea of California Parlor, treasurer. The officers of the San Jose contingent are: W. J. Kirkpatrick, president; J. S. Williams, vice president; E. H. Letch, secretary, and W. F. Lenzen, treasurer.

The joint committee to assist it in the arrangement of the many details that are to be looked after in an event of this character has appointed the following as sub-committees: W. H. Hazell of Pacific Parlor, Louis F. Byington of Niantic and David C. Martin of California, on transportation; W. C. Miller of Precita Parlor, C. Stanger, Stanford, J. W. Kentzel of Sequoia, Joseph E. O'Donnell of Yerba Buena and Paul McDonald of Pacific, on parade; J. P. Dockery of California Parlor, L. H. Kohn of Hesperian, F. H. Mills of Mission, on finance; L. Nonemann of South San Francisco Parlor, W. E. McCreery of National and H. N. Gard of Oakland, on printing; George Henry Stanley Dryden of Rincon Parlor, D. W. Doody of Piedmont and J. Henricks of San Francisco, on music; Robert W. Martland of Sequoia, J. L. Gallagher of Alcatraz and J. M. Hanley of Precita, on press; A. J. Morgentstern of Halcyon Parlor, C. H. Connel of Golden Gate and H. Sagehorn of Brooklyn, on hotels; H. I. Mulcrevey of Olympus Parlor, J. H. Washington Dinkelspiel of Bay City, on advertising; and Ben F. Woolner of Athens Parlor, Percy V. Long of Columbia and Leon Veller of Marshall, on decorations.

while not members of either organization, will visit the Garden City during the days of the festivities. In each of the local parlors the subject of the celebration has been discussed during the past three weeks, and some of these have already completed their arrangements. California Parlor No. 1 has secured headquarters in the Druid's Hall in San Jose, and has adopted as uniforms for its members, white duck pantaloons, light-colored negligee shirts, with tie to match, and straw hats. It has secured the services of Blanchard's band. On the afternoon of the 9th there will be a grand concert at headquarters. The members of Buena Vista Parlor of the Native Daughters will be the special guests of this parlor.

Stanford Parlor No. 76 will turn out in grand style. It has secured headquarters at the Vendome, and has arranged the following programme: Parades to the San Jose train on the night of the 8th of September; reception on that night in headquarters on the morning of the 9th, parade in San Jose, in uniform of dark coat and pantaloons, white vest, black tie, and straw hat. Each member will carry a cane of California laurel; afternoon, concert on the lawn of the hotel; and in the evening, grand ball in the hotel. On the 10th the parlor will take part in the clambake at Agricultural Park, and on the 11th will go to Alum Rock, where a bullhead breakfast will be served.

Sequoia Parlor No. 10, ever alive and ready to support these annual celebrations, will do all in its power to present an attractive feature in the grand parade, and to that end there has been a personal appeal to each member. The committee is of the opinion that Sequoia will not be in the background at San Jose. The members will wear white duck pantaloons, golf shirt, blue flannel coat, white yachting cap and white canvas shoes. The Native Sons' band, led by Professor Sousa Barton, will furnish the music on the occasion of the night parade in San Jose. During the coming week this parlor will decide exactly what special feature it will have, and will also arrange the programme for the entertainment of guests during Friday, Saturday and Sunday in San Jose. Precita Parlor No. 15 will in the procession be preceded by a drum corps, and the members will parade in the uniform that is worn by the men of the United States navy while on duty in the tropics. The members wish it understood that they will wear a full uniform, and not what some of the navy wore at Manila recently—a pair of high-water pantaloons and a sweet smile. At San Jose the parlor will have a string band and give concerts and a dance at headquarters, having secured a large hall. The preparations for the night parade

in this city on the 8th of September have not yet been completed, but it is asserted that it will excel that of the previous year. Daniel A. Ryan of Pacific Parlor will be the marshal on that occasion. The joint committee has arranged for a number of trains to convey to San Jose, from this city and from Oakland, all the members and their friends and many strangers, who, it is expected, will take advantage of the \$1.50 rate that has been fixed for a three days' excursion. The tickets will be good from the night of the 8th until the 11th inclusive.

Dr. W. A. Gaston, who will be the grand marshal of the San Jose parade, is a member of Observatory Parlor. He speaks in terms of praise of the work that is being done by the members of his parlor and those of San Jose and Palo Alto in arranging for the big event. He says that it will surpass the celebration held there a few years since, and that not only are the Native Sons and the Native Daughters, but all classes, are interesting themselves in having it headquarters in the future that the San Joseans outdid themselves in their efforts to please.

There was a large attendance of delegates to the joint 9th of September celebration committee meeting in Native Sons' Hall last night. The transportation committee gave an account of what arrangements had been made with the railroad company for special trains on the 8th of September and subsequently. Delegate Lees made the wonderful announcement that one of the leading hotels in San Jose had increased its rates for the night, had given notice that it had reduced its rates 50 cents. A proposition to throw the responsibility of appointing ticket sellers on the transportation committee was defeated, and the treasurer will name the ticket sellers. Grand Marshal Gaston made an appeal to the San Francisco parlors for music, and stated that there had been a change in regard to the bullhead breakfast and the clambake. The former will be given on Saturday instead of Sunday, and the latter will be on Sunday. He said the grand ball will be given in the pavilion in which the rose carnival was held.



BATTLE OF SAN JUAN.

wounded. I never expected to come through the battle alive, much less without a scratch. At least a dozen men were killed or wounded right around me. The major of our battalion called for two men to go forward and locate the enemy, and another man called Botta jumped up and ran forward to where we could see the Spaniards through the wall. It seemed certain death to get up, the bullets were flying so thick, but we got back all right and returned. Botta was afterward shot through the leg. I have lost everything except the clothes I have on. Your loving son, JACK HAWTHORNE, Company A, 71st New York Volunteers.

But no, Jack Hawthorne had not lost his most precious possession of all—the heroic blood that courses in his veins. Heroic blood it was that prompted both him and Private Botta at the same instant to jump up and rush forward with such alacrity in the face of almost certain death. All the world knows the name of this young fellow's grandfather, Nathaniel Hawthorne, author of the "Scarlet Letter" and "The Marble Faun," masterpieces of English literature, but who heard of Botta, the unromantic cog-nomen of the youngster's equally brave companion? What forefathers have handed down to him the blood from which heroes are made? HEROISM IS IN THE BLOOD.

"Blood will tell" is an axiom that in all the ages has never been gainsaid. Every man who does a brave, heroic act, his blood is first, last and always the making of many men and womanly women. It is the source of all courage, virtue and happiness. CAN A MAN MAKE HIMSELF A HERO? "A man's first duty," said Henry Ward Beecher, in a grand sermon on human development, "is to be good animal." A man may himself begin the rehabilitation of his physical powers, laying the foundation of his own manliness and of an inheritance for those who come after him, more precisely than the gold and rubies of the East. Men and women who are sick, wretched and incapacitated for their full share, in the daily, hourly struggle for existence, ought to carefully determine whether or not their mental, moral and physical faculties may be improved and advanced surely to a higher and nobler plane.

WHY PEOPLE DESPAIR. In the depth of sickness and wretchedness men feel that their days of courage and usefulness are ended, women feel that they will never more be equal to the duties and burdens that come upon wife and mother; but too often this sad conclusion, and the deep and hopeless despondency that accompanies it, are entirely erroneous. It comes because many mentality and womanly courage have been sapped and undermined by the subtle, integrating poison of physical debility and mal-nutrition. The spirit ceases to be the light because the flesh is weak; the blood is impoverished; the nutritive powers depleted. It is by overcoming these physical disabilities and restoring the forces of nutrition to full and complete vitality that Dr. Pierce's wonderful "Golden Medical Discovery" gives back to men and women their true birthright of hopefulness, endurance and heroism.

WHAT TWO SOLDIERS SAY. "Four months ago I did not think to be in shape to assist our 'Uncle Samuel' in case of hostilities," said a Florida gentleman, A. D. Weller, Esq., of Pensacola, in a letter to Dr. Pierce. "I thank you, you I am now ready for the 'Don's.' Since receiving your diagnosis of my case as stomach trouble and liver complaint I have taken eight bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and must say that I am transformed from a 'walking shadow' (as my friends called me) to perfect health."

"Thirteen years ago I was wounded by a ball passing through my lung," says George H. Belcher, Esq., of Dor-ton, Pike County, Ky. "I have had a bad cough ever since, with shortness of breath, and it was very easy to take cold. The slightest change of weather would cause the cough to be so bad I would have to sit up in bed all night. I could not eat nor sleep at times; I was all run down, I could not work at all. A few months ago I began using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I have not used more than two bottles and now I can eat, sleep and work, and I feel like a new man. I cannot find words to sufficiently recommend Dr.

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"My health had been falling for several years," writes Mrs. Sophia A. Slomp, of Sugar Grove, Smyth Co., Va. "I had hot flashes and at times a dreadful hurting in my back above the loins; I could not rest at night on account of hot spells. Last spring I began to feel so weak I could scarcely do my work, and in April I broke down completely. I had indigestion and kidney trouble. The back of my head and neck would be so sore I could not rest. The left side of my face ached, but the pains and aches yielded under the influence of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pleasant Pellets.' I had also a severe pain in my left limb. I tried different liniments but received no relief. I could not lie still on account of the suffering in my body. My limbs and feet were cold, although I was in a perspiration nearly all the time. Sometimes I would have to be propped up in bed all night, and even then could sleep but little.

"I sent for the doctor and asked if he could cure me. He said he had never failed but a time or two. I took his treatment about three weeks and was no better, but worse if anything, so I decided to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I bought six bottles and I had only to take four bottles of the Golden Medical Discovery and two of the 'Pleasant Pellets' and I was thus far from my disease. I have felt better this spring than I have felt for several seasons. I have no hot spells like I had for several years. If I had taken your treatment sooner, no doubt I could have kept that bad spell off, but I am truly thankful that I took your medicine and found a cure. I shall ever praise the medicine that cured me and will recommend it to all suffering as I was."

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