THE PLATFORM.

Democrats Reaffirm Loyalty to Old Principles, and Also to a Few New Ones of Their Own Creation.

The Democratic party of San Francisco in convention assembled hereby affims its allegiance to the historic principles of the Democracy as enunciated in its political platforms and appeals to the voters of this community for their support of the men and measures put forward by this municipal convention.

During the past year the Democracy, by heroic efforts, has rid itself of a self imposed political boss and his cohorts, routed them in two appeals to the people, and defeated their pretensions before a jury composed of about eight hundred Democrats of the State in convention assembled, after a fair and full trial. We denounce political bossism, and appeal to the people to support the successful efforts by which bossism was destroyed, and we point to our political policy, as enunciated in this platform and to the character of our nominees in justification of the good faith with which we have approached and completed our task.

We hold that the conduct and management of city government is a matter of business and should be conducted on business principles, and we pledge our nominees to carry out this policy.

Proud of our American citizenship, intensified by the glorious triumphs of our arms by land and sea, we send words of greeting and cheer to the San Francisco volunteers and their companions now defending the honor of our flag in foreign lands.

We commend the straightforward administration of Governor Budd, particularly in reference to this city and county. We endorse the administration of Mayor Phelan as one conducted solely in the public interests, and approve the honorable conduct of the minority of the Board of Education and of the Board of Supervisors, Messrs. Dodge, Clinton and Lackmann.

Taxation.

A tax of $1 on the $100, based on an assessed valuation of $350,000,000, together with other sources of revenue of the city, is sufficient for the proper maintenance of the city government, economically and wisely conducted, and we pledge our nominees to this rate.

Assessments.

It is notorious that small property-owners are assessed for the full value of their property, while the property of large corporations, particularly in the matter of the assessments of franchises, are greatly undervalued, for purposes of taxation. We pledge our nominees for Assessor and members of the Board of Supervisors sitting as a Board of Equilization, to make a thorough revision of the assessment of the city and county, to the end that the burdens of government may be equitably distributed; and we further pledge them to follow the spirit of the rule laid down by the Supreme Court in the case of the San Jose Gas Company vs. January, and determine the value of franchises by deducting the tangible property assessed from the market value of the stock and bonds. Whereas, the Assessment Committee of the Board of Supervisors have determined through their expert that the franchises of many of the corporations of this city may be increased to a sum aggregating not less than $15,000,000, under this rule, and that then but 60 per cent of the market value thereof will have been assessed, and we pledge our nominee for Assessor and members of the Board of Supervisors, sitting as a Board of Equalization, conditions tending to raising the same, to increase the assessment roll in the matter of franchises over and above the assessment of this year by at least fifteen millions of dollars.

Water.

The Spring Valley Water Company holds property not necessary for supplying this city and county with water, and has increased its indebtedness by authorizing during the past year the issuance of $4,000,000 of bonds, thus inflating the value of their property, on which they ask interest and dividends. We pledge our nominees for Supervisors to demand and compel the production by the Spring Valley Water Company of an itemized statement of its construction account and operating expenses as preliminary to fixing the water rate, and then after cutting down allowance for excessive salaries and expenses, to so fix the rate that it will yield not more than 5 per cent upon the stock of the corporation, after taxes, operating expenses and interest on indebtedness be paid. We pledge our nominees, in anticipation of the ratification of the new charter by the Legislature, to encourage in every possible way the municipal ownership of a water supply and lighting plant, although the actual introduction of these great reforms should not be undertaken until the new charter has clothed our municipal authorities with the necessary power and provided the proper instrumentalities and safeguards for their conduct and administration.

New Charter.

During the last two years the reform element of the Democratic party united with all good citizens in resisting the attempt made by the allied political bosses of all parties and the corporations enjoying exclusive privileges in electing a board of fifteen freeholders and subsequently in adopting the charter which that body drafted. We now, for the consummation of that patriotic campaign, resulting in the adoption of the charter, call upon the people of the State to require of their legislative representatives to record and dispute the voice of the people of this city unmistakably spoken, and we pledge in our own behalf our legislative nominees to vote for the ratification of the charter.

Gas and Electric Light.

We favor the adequate illumination of the city, giving light to the suburbs and brilliancy to the streets, and pledge our nominees for Supervisors to give every facility to corporations supplying light to compete for the business of the city and of the citizens. The Democratic party is opposed to granting special privileges which inevitably result in monopoly, and so long as light is supplied by private corporations there should be no discrimination in favor of one as against the other. The rates charged are notoriously excessive, and we pledge our nominees to a substantial reduction based upon the value of their investment, as indicated by reference in this platform to the water question.

We pledge our nominees for Supervisors to require, within a district to be determined by them, the wires of all corporations to be laid under ground after reasonable notice.

Streets and Sewers.

We pledge our nominees for Supervisors and Superintendent of Streets to improve the streets, to maintain and keep them clean when they are improved, and to prepare specifications under which street work may be done that will not exclude any meritorious pavement.

We demand that the sanitary condition of the city be carefully studied and that the sewers be flushed and otherwise kept clean. We recommend the adoption of some system by which salt water may be used for cleansing purposes. We demand that all unused rails and tracks and unnecessary turn-tables and such other obstructions be removed from the streets.

Health.

The preservation of the health of the people is the first duty of municipal government and we commend the efforts of the Board of Health to destroy the deadly traffic in adulterated goods, and we pledge support to their crusade until our citizens can have reasonable guarantees that poisonous and deleterious foods are excluded from our market.

Schools.

We pledge our nominees for members of the Board of Education to segregate each year a sufficient sum for the purpose of paying salaries of the teachers in full so the same shall be paid monthly and to sacredly set apart such appropriation for the purpose for which it is made. This done we pledge our nominees for School Directors to provide ample accommodation for the pupils of the city, and artistic and sanitary school houses. We further pledge our nominees for members of the Board of Education to elect no teacher during their term of office unless vacancies are created by death, resignation or otherwise, because we realize the fact that the staff of teachers employed now by the city and county is sufficient to meet all possible demands upon the schools for the ensuing year. In the spirit of civil service reform we pledge our nominees also to promote to the higher positions in the department only teachers who have by long and meritorious service shown their peculiar fitness.

Franchises.

In granting franchises we pledge our nominees for Mayor and Supervisors to stipulate conditions for white labor and California material and the free transportation, while on official duty, of members of the police, fire and health departments and postmen in the employ of the Government. We further pledge our nominees to vote for the renewal of no franchise at a date earlier than one year before the expiration of the original franchise.

Labor.

In all contracts let by the Board of Supervisors and other boards and on all public work we pledge our nominees for all offices having discretion in such matters to stipulate for a daily wage of not less than $2 for eight hours' work.

Chinese Labor.

The Chinese question is again pressing itself upon this community for solution. The Government of the United States has permitted the uniforms of the brave defenders of the flag to be made in Chinese sweat shops by servile labor. This scandalous and distressing fact has called the attention of the public to the condition of people of our own race engaged in similar employments, and it has been made known by the Labor Commissioner of the State of California, Mr. E. L. Fitzgerald, that much of the poverty and distress in this city is due to the crowding out of men and women from employment by Chinese cheap labor. The Chinese have invaded the business district with stores in which they exhibit all kinds of articles of clothing. The Chinese employed in the manufacture of these goods, in deadly and disastrous competition with our own people, observe no hours of labor, have no families to rear and educate, have practically no taxes to pay, have no social or other organizations to support, and in no manner contribute to the social well being of the community in time of peace or its defense in time of war. Their earnings, with their bones, are sent to China, and the distribution of the wealth which should secure prosperity for the community is wasted in their hands. They are not patrons of our merchants, and their cheap labor, on account of their non-participation in the ordinary commercial and social affairs of life, is a blight to our community. We pledge our nominees for all public offices in which the interests of labor may be guarded to grant some remedial legislation. We demand that some law be passed, and so pledge our nominees, by which the people can identify by mark the goods made in Chinese sweat shops, so that our patriotic people may be enabled to discriminate between the labor of their own kind and that of those who live like parasites upon the community, and, in an economic sense, drain it of its substance.

Home Industries.

We call on all citizens to purchase no other goods than those of home production and manufacture, and thereby revive our industries and employ our people.

Religious Freedom.

The convention deplores the introduction into our political and social life of religious tests, born of bigotry and intolerance, and emphatically condemns any efforts to thwart the liberal provisions of the constitution of our country with respect to absolute religious freedom.

City Officers.

We pledge our nominee for County Clerk to conduct his office at a cost not to exceed $76,000 per annum, including his own salary, and call the attention of the people of the city and State to the outrage perpetrated upon the Republican system of government itself by the nomination of C. F. Curry, a confessed pledge breaker and present incumbent of this office, for Secretary of State. We pledge our nominees for Supervisors and Surveyor to reduce at least 33 1-3 per cent the fees now charged by the City and County Surveyor, and to allow no charge in excess of the schedule now established by the Society of Civil Engineers.

We pledge our nominee for Recorder to pay not more than 10 cents per folio for copying instruments.

We pledge our nominee for Sheriff to turn all fees into the city and county treasury.

We pledge our nominee for District Attorney to prosecute with vigor all malefactors, especially in official places.

The office of Public Administrator is a trust which has heretofore conferred enormous emoluments on the incumbent and his attorney without any advantage to the county treasury. If a public office be a public trust, and not a private "snap" or special privilege, then we pronounce the present system of converting an official station into a personal benefaction as contrary to Democratic principles, and recommend its rectification by appropriate legislation, and we particularly approve of the proposed enactment that a Public Administrator shall not employ counsel at the expense of any estate without the approval of the court in advance of such employment.

We pledge our legislative nominees to favor legislation looking to the reduction of the cost of litigation, especially in probate tribunals, and the cutting down of the commissions of executors and administrators, and by a maximum schedule, attorneys' fees, as proposed in the Braunhart bill, presented to the last Legislature.

We pledge our nominees for Superior and Police Judges to put the shorthand reporters of their courts upon a salary basis not exceeding $200 per month, inclusive of all work to be performed by them, and to charge not more than 5 cents per folio for transcribing.

We condemn and call upon the people to disapprove constitutional amendment No. 1, providing for the payment of the city's debts, because through the machinations of certain street contractors, whose claims have long since been rejected and outlawed, the door of the treasury is thrown wide open to the payment of upward of $5,000,000.

We pledge our nominees for city and county offices to give way to the provisions of the new charter, which calls for a general municipal election in November, 1899, so that that important instrument may be inaugurated according to its own terms as approved by the people.

The nominees must sign this platform within ten days from the date of its adoption, failing in which we declare their places ipso facto vacated, and direct and empower the committee on vacancies of this convention to make new nominations for the places so vacated.

Forty-Second District Republicans.

The regular Republican Club of the Forty-second District was organized last night in B'nai B'rith Hall. The meeting was called to order by Thomas D. Riordan, chairman of the Republican County Committee, who in a brief speech predicted the success of the entire Republican ticket at the coming election. The roll was opened and after 212 members had signed, the following officers were elected: President, Thomas Desmond; secretary, J. D. Brown; treasurer, Joseph Clement; sergeant at arms, Charles Otterson; executive committee, M. Duval, W. J. Hudson, Dr. Green, J. R. Riley, M. S. Blackburn. The meeting was then addressed by W. O. Barks, Frank Kelly, J. M. Chretien, H. M. Gray and T. K. Kase.

The Maguire Club.

The Maguire Club of the Thirty-fourth District met in Harmony Hall last night and elected the following officers: President, William Growney; vice president, John L. Herget; second vice president, P. Higgins; third vice president, George McGinn, Jr.; recording secretary, William H. Almon; financial secretary, James Mee; treasurer, William Kessling; marshal, P. McDonough; conference committee, John Dowling, James McCloskey and Matt O'Brien.

North Side Republicans.

A regular meeting of the Republicans of the Forty-fifth Assembly District was held at Old Pioneer Hall last night. The meeting was called to order by Harry W. Lewis and the following officers were duly elected: James Carr, president; Richard Ryan, secretary; William Bendt, treasurer.

The membership enrollment was 380. The following members were appointed on the executive committee: J. P. Le Count, C. W. Smith, William Johanson, Ed Rolkins, M. J. Thomas, C. J. Robertson, A. de la Torre, Emil Burrzoni, J. Barbetta, John Hillard, Robert Hoey, Joseph O'Hanlon, Richard Graham, George Righterman, Ed Sutton, H. Tarbox, John Langford.

United Labor Party.

The United Labor party convention met at 1211 Market street last night, with William P. Grace in the chair. Henry T. Gage was indorsed for Governor, R. A. Thompson for Secretary of State, T. B. McFarland for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, T. W. Maples for Controller, A. J. Johnston for State Printer and E. B. Edson for Railroad Commissioned from the First District. The convention will meet at Metropolitan Hall October 3 for the purpose of nominating a municipal ticket.

DEMOCRATS HOLD THEIR PRIMARIES

Will Probably Fuse With Populists.

CONVENTIONS SAME DAY

AN INDEPENDENT TICKET MAY BE BORN.

Unfortunate Candidates Are Busy Telling Each Other How They Failed of Nomination.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Sept. 20.

Next Saturday the Democrats will hold their county convention. There is not a rush of candidates for the offices, but still there are some who are willing to take their chances. This evening the primaries were held all over the county, and the convention will be composed of 158 delegates.

The Populists primaries were also held this evening, and their convention will take place in Grand Army Hall next Saturday. An attempt is now being made to appoint committees from each of the conventions to agree upon a basis by which the nominations can be divided and a complete fusion ticket nominated.

The Populists are split right in two, the middle-of-the-road men having already held their convention and nominated a county ticket.

Now that the Republican convention is over there is much talk of putting up a complete independent ticket. Already enough candidates have signified their intention of making independent campaigns to form the nucleus of such a ticket.

James Taylor is already running independently for Coroner, Louis Schaffer for Sheriff, A. K. Grim for Recorder, and it is now said that Justice Clift could be persuaded to run for District Attorney; John Cronin for Township Justice, and E. L. Lawrence for Justice of the Peace of Brooklyn Township. Others are also mentioned who would be willing to make up a complete independent ticket, but no such ticket would cut any figure in this party year.

Justice Lawrence is the most surprised man in the county to-day. He went to the convention yesterday in a brand new suit of clothes, in one pocket of which was the nomination to succeeed himself. Somehow or other, by one of those quirks so common in untrammeled conventions, Professor L. V. Inskeep received the nomination, and Justice Lawrence is still trying to figure out how it was done.

Constable Cronin thinks he was not rightly treated by the district convention of Oakland Township. He also had a cinch until the evening before the convention, but in the struggle Justice Quinn came out on top. Cronin said that Colonel Dan Burns turned him down, at which everybody laughed, for this is the first intimation that Colonel Burns took any interest in the county ticket, although it is not impossible that he had an interest in the legislative ticket.

The new Republican County Central Committee elected yesterday is as follows: First Ward, W. W. Morrison; Second Ward, Paul Breck; Third Ward, George E. Randolph; Fourth Ward, R. C. Potts; Fifth Ward, Clarence Crowell; Sixth Ward, Frank Barnett; Seventh Ward, W. B. Pringle; Alameda, J. B. Lanktree; Brooklyn, J. H. W. Riley; Murray, J. O. McKown; Washington, S. C. Archibald; Eden, H. D. Brunner; Oakland Township, J. A. B. Hutton.

The complete list of Justices and Constables is as follows:

City Justices—J. W. Stetson, Mortimer Smith.

Oakland Township — Justice, J. G. Quinn; Constables, Ed Weidler and J. Williamson.

Alameda City—Justice, H. P. Morris; Constables, George E. Clark and George Gray.

Brooklyn Township—Justice L. V. Inskeep; Constables, Harry Cramer and Paul Weuthe.

Eden Township—Justices, William Dale and John Black; Constables, W. J. Ramage and D. D. Gates.

Murray Township—Justice, J. H. Taylor; Constable, Larkin Lock.

Washington Township—Justices, S. Sandholdt and J. B. Thompson; Constables, S. Vandervoort and J. Murphy.

The Republican Reliance, the finest uniformed club in the State, has sent out the following:

"Members of the Republican Alliance are requested to assemble at headquarters, Elite Hall, corner of Twelfth and Webster streets, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp, to arrange for active political work in the present State and Congressional campaign, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

"GEORGE W. MORROW, President.
"H. P. Carlton, Secretary."

REPUBLICAN CLUBS FORMED IN DISTRICTS

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

Enthusiastic Meetings in Eighteen Assembly Districts and Indorsements of State Officers and Congressmen.

There was great activity in the Republican ranks last night. All the Assembly Districts formed official Republican clubs to fight for the cause of their party during the campaign. There was a unanimity in the resolutions indorsing Gage and Neff and the rest of the State ticket. The Republican nominees for Congress were also unanimously indorsed. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed and the efforts of all were pledged for the good of the cause. Among the clubs formed were:

Thirtieth District—Dr. C. L. Morgan, chairman; John Denany, secretary; 253 members signed the roll and indorsed Gage and Neff, the full State ticket and also Julius Kahn for Congress.

Thirty-first District—J. F. McGlynn, chairman, and M. J. McDonnell, secretary. Indorsed full State ticket and Julius Kahn for Congress; 225 members signed the roll.

Thirty-second District—Captain H. P. Filgate, chairman; Edward Lyons, secretary. Indorsed the full State ticket and Julius Kahn for Congress; 162 members signed the roll.

Thirty-fourth District—George Dieterle, chairman; John C. Nolan, secretary; 371 members signed the roll and resolutions indorsing full State ticket and Eugene F. Loud for Congress were passed.

Thirty-fifth District—Ex-Senator Thomas Maher, chairman; J. J. Gilfoy, secretary; 189 members signed the roll and indorsed the full State ticket and Eugene F. Loud for Congress.

Thirty-eighth District—Gustave Pohlman, chairman; W. E. Commary, secretary. Members signing the roll, 228. Indorsed the full State ticket and Eugene F. Loud for Congress.

Forty-first District—A. C. Firebaugh, chairman; John S. Daly, secretary. Signing the roll, 250 members. Indorsed the full State ticket and Loud for Congress.

Forty-third District—Gaston Strauss, chairman; Joseph Stevens, secretary. Signing the roll, 251 members. Indorsed the full State ticket and Julius Kahn for Congress.

Thirty-seventh District—George Wentworth, chairman; Edward Williams, secretary. Members signing the roll, 257. Indorsed the full State ticket and Eugene F. Loud for Congress.

Forty-fourth District—Dr. Charles Forbes, chairman; Andrew Glover, secretary. Members signing the roll, 321. Indorsed the full State ticket and Julius Kahn for Congress.

Forty-fifth District—James Carr, chairman; Richard Ryan, secretary; 380 members were enrolled. The full State ticket was indorsed and Julius Kahn for Congress.

A Hard Fight Against Freese.

A hard fight is being made against Captain A. C. Freese, who is seeking renomination for Public Administrator at the hands of the local Democracy. After looking around for several weeks for an available man, the opponents of Freese in the Committee of One Hundred decided to back Dr. Washington Dodge, at present a member of the Board of Supervisors, for the place. The result is that there is a lively row on hand. Dr. Dodge, while willing to accept the nomination for Public Administrator, is looking with envious eye on the Assessorship, and it is said that if the least opportunity affords itself he will drop his political managers and make a run for the office held at present by John Siebe. Some of his friends are now beginning to strenuously object to his flirting with two offices filled with golden political plums.

The Republicans would not weep over the turning down of Freese, for they recognize in him a strong candidate for any office for which he may be nominated.

Maguire's Friends.

The Twenty-ninth District Maguire Club met last night and elected the following committees:

Permanent headquarters—Maurice Kerwin, John Kriwanek, Charles Kiesel, Thomas Mullee, George Cullen, William Gaffney.

Finance committee—Thomas Brady, M. J. Wall, E. J. P. Riley, John D. Coghlin, P. J. Shanly, Joseph Flanagan.

Committee on mass-meetings and hall—Al Withers, Joseph Lawless, Jerry Monahan, Thomas Brady, P. H. Gallagher, William McMahus, August Tillman, William Burns, Frank Kernan, P. H. Shanly.

Joseph Flanagan, John D. Coghlin and James J. Maher were elected delegates to the League of Maguire Clubs.

To Speak for Democracy.

J. Hamilton Lewis, Congressman at large of the State of Washington, is scheduled by the Democratic State Central Committee to address a mass meeting in Metropolitan Temple on Saturday evening next.

Mayor Phelan will journey to Santa Rosa and speak the same evening and Walter P. Stradley has been chosen to instill Democratic ideas in Napa's citizens the same night.

Many Members Signed the Roll.

The Republicans of the Forty-fourth Assembly District formed a district organization last night by the election of Dr. Campbell Ford president and Andrew Glover secretary. Over 400 members signed the roll. J. F. Martinoni, Thomas F. Graham, J. C. Kimball, M. Tonnison and E. C. Palmieri were appointed a committee to draft a set of bylaws.

Craig Indorsed for Congress.

The Thirty-sixth Assembly District Populist Party club met on Monday night and indorsed William Craig, the Populist-Democratic nominee for Congress, from the Fifth Congressional District.

FIRST AMERICAN FLAG HOISTED IN HAVANA

It Is Raised Over the Headquarters of the Evacuation Commission.

HAVANA, Sept. 20.—At 10 o'clock this morning the first American flag was hoisted on the flagstaff of the Trocha Hotel, the headquarters of the Evacuation Commission. A guard of marines was posted at the entrance to the grounds.

Colonel Cloud and Captain Payne stood on the roof of the hotel at either side of the flagstaff. At 10 o'clock sharp a quartermaster of the steamer Resolute hoisted the flag, which unfurled and fluttered proudly in the breeze.

All the members of the commission raised their hats and cheered the Stars and Stripes. The approaches to the ground at either end of the street were patrolled by squads of the Guardia Civile in order that the commissioners might not be molested.

This morning a widow and two children, evidently persons of refinement, but in abject want, approached General Wade, the president of the commission, and pleaded for relief. The widow and children were seated in the dining-room of the hotel and given a hearty meal. Others in need were equally well treated, all who applied receiving relief of some sort.

WILHELMINA OPENS HOLLAND'S CONGRESS

Expresses Sympathy With the Disarmament Plan of the Czar.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 20.—Queen Wilhelmina, accompanied by her mother, opened the States-General (Parliament of the Netherlands) to-day. In her speech from the throne, her Majesty dwelt upon the innumerable proofs of patriotism and affection for the dynasty manifested since her accession to the throne, the recollection of which, she added, can never be effaced from her memory.

The Queen said she had received the Czar's disarmament proposal with peculiar sympathy.

The Queen, in her speech, promised the introduction of a number of social measures.

DEATH ENDS THEIR FEUD.

Duel on the Mississippi in Which Both Principals Are Slain.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—Word was received here to-day of a fatal duel between Mate Bart Davis and Night Watchman Charles Baker on board the steamer Mayflower of the Diamond Jo line, which left here last night for Memphis. Both men are dead.

For some time there had been ill feeling between the two men, and last night, when the boat was tied up at Hugs' Landing, one mile from Creston, the watchman attacked the mate with a knife. For some time the struggle lasted, both participants rolling about the deck to the horror of the passengers, who were unable to interfere. Finally, when the mate, who had been cut in numerous places, was about to give up, he succeeded in drawing his revolver, and, with a well directed shot, he laid the watchman dead.

Stephen Hugs, proprietor of the landing, went up town for an officer and returned with Deputy Coroner Bell. They found both the mate and watchman dead, lying on the bloody deck.

County Tax Levies.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19.—After a consultation with the County Auditor the Supervisors have fixed the rate for the coming year at 1.33 1-3 for incorporated cities and 1.73 1-3 outside, thus making a road tax of 40 cents. The State rate is included in the rate fixed. The rate is 8 1-3 cents higher than that of last year, which was 1.25 for incorporated cities and 1.58 1-3 outside.

STOCKTON, Sept. 19.—The Board of Supervisors have fixed a very low rate, making it 1 cent and 2 mills in the city and 18 cents higher out of town, where the road tax of 18 cents is added. With a low valuation of property this is the lowest tax rate for many years.

SAN RAFAEL, Sept. 20.—The Board of Supervisors, which has been in session for two days, has fixed the county tax rate for Marin County at $1 40. The rate for incorporated towns, such as San Rafael, Sausalito and Belvedere, will be 25 cents less, as they do not have to pay a road tax.

SUISUN, Sept. 20.—The Board of Supervisors of Solano has fixed the tax levy as follows: State 42.8 cents, general fund 45, road 30, school 32, hospital 3, county bond .012; total $1 50. The road tax does not apply to incorporated cities. Last year's rate was $1 70.

VISALIA, Sept. 20.—The Supervisors have fixed the rate of taxation at $1 55. For incorporated towns the rate is $1 30.

WOODLAND, Sept. 20.—The Board of Supervisors has fixed the tax levy at $1 40 outside of Woodland and $1 07½ in this city. This is an increase of 2½ cents over last year, but the assessment roll is $800,000 less than that of 1897.

A New Choral Society.

A choral society of both sexes has recently been organized for the study of English part-songs, glees and madrigals, with the ultimate intention of producing some good comic opera. The rehearsals take place every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the basement of the Church of the Advent, Eleventh street, near Market, which has been secured on account of its accessibility, it being adjacent to all the leading car lines of the city. The society is a purely secular one, having no connection with any church, and the public is cordialy invited to join.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGNERS ARE ACTIVE

Mass Meetings in the South Announced.

TOUR OF GAGE AND BARNES

NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR TO BE AT SANTA BARBARA.

State Central Committee Called to Meet in San Francisco Saturday, October 1—Prospects of Victory.

Henry T. Gage, the Republican nominee for Governor, will address the people of Santa Barbara to-morrow evening. From that point the standard bearer of the party in this campaign will proceed to Ventura, where he will address a mass-meeting next Friday evening. According to plans adopted by the executive committee of the Republican State Central Committee, General W. H. L. Barnes is to join the nominee at Ventura and travel in his company until Thursday, September 29. Gage and Barnes will speak at San Bernardino Saturday evening next; at San Diego Monday evening, September 26; Santa Ana, Tuesday evening, September 27; Riverside, Wednesday evening, September 28, and Los Angeles Thursday evening, September 29.

The meetings will doubtless add to the existing enthusiasm for the ticket in the southern part of the State. The eloquence of General Barnes and the fearless expressions of Gage will surely rally a legion of voters at any speaking point on the route.

On Saturday evening, October 1, at 2 p. m., in San Francisco, there will be a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee. Henry T. Gage, Jacob Neff and other nominees of the party will be in the city at that time. The members of the committee will exchange views concerning the prospects of the campaign and present to the executive committee facts regarding the strength of the party in each Assembly district in the State. Major Frank McLaughlin and his associates are confident that a great victory will be achieved by the Republicans of California next November. It is the purpose of the committee to elect not only the State ticket, but a good working majority of the Legislature.

Next Saturday evening at Hanford a mass meeting will be addressed by Tirey L. Ford, Republican nominee for Attorney General, and also by Oregon Sanders. At St. Helena to-morrow evening D. E. McKinlay will address the people.

Hon. Jacob H. Neff, the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor, was a caller at headquarters of the State Central Committee yesterday. He is constantly receiving assurances from the mountain counties that the Republicans are earnest and active in support of the entire State ticket.

Hon. M. M. Estee will speak at Odd Fellows' Hall next Saturday evening. On this occasion Dr. Pardee will preside and open the meeting with a brief speech.

W. H. Mallory of San Joaquin County had an extended interview with Major McLaughlin yesterday. Mr. Mallory reports that the Republicans of the valley are active and confident. They also take into account the danger of overconfidence. He predicts a substantial Republican majority in San Joaquin County.

J. R. Tregloan of Amador, W. H. Henry of Paso Robles and A. Hockheimer of Willows were at headquarters of the party yesterday. Mr. Hockheimer is the Republican nominee for Senator in the Eighth Senatorial District. His opponent is John Boggs of Colusa. The return of Chris Buckley from Europe ought to be a topic of interest to ex-Senator Boggs, as the statesman from Ravenswood and the sage of Colusa were brought close together when Colusa County was rent in twain by division and turmoil.

ENDEAVORING TO FIX OAKLAND'S TAX LEVY

THE COUNCIL STILL UNDECIDED AS TO THE RATE.

It Will Probably Be $1 36—Provision Is Made for Improving Lake Merritt.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 20.—At the meeting of the City Council to-night Councilman Cuvelier introduced an ordinance providing a tax levy of $1 36. In speaking about the measure he said that he had provided a tax of $1 for the running expenses of the city government and for some sewer extensions, having practically accepted the estimates of the Auditor on the former. The only difference he made was to cut the street light and the street department funds a little, and not to leave quite so much money in the general fund.

As to the funds for the improvement of Lake Merritt and the building of sewers adjacent, Mr. Cuvellier said that he had provided for the raising of the entire amount this fiscal year, as was provided in the ordinance already passed to print. In explanation of this feature of his ordinance, Mr. Cuvellier said he did not believe in "taking two bites at a cherry?" He stated that he had talked with various business men, and they said to go ahead and make improvements; they would not object to a few cents increase in the tax levy. Mr. Cuvellier asserted that the increase of the rate over $1 21 would not cost the man who paid taxes on $1000 over $1 50. He had also provided for the extension of the east side sewer and the Cemetery Creek intercepting sewer in his ordinance.

Councilman Girard also introduced an ordinance fixing the tax levy at $1 15. Mr. Girard cuts off half of the Lake Merritt appropriation and also the two sewers near the lake, but adds to the street fund. Both ordinances were referred to the committee with the suggestion that when the original ordinance comes up next Monday any changes may be made by amendment in the regular manner.

McKINLEY MAY COME WEST.

The President Expressed a Desire to Visit the Pacific Coast.

Colonel Henry J. Kowalsky, who has lately returned from the East, is of the opinion that President McKinley may very easily be persuaded to visit California after his trip to the Omaha Exposition. Colonel Kowalsky was in Washington about three weeks ago, and at that time had a personal interview with the President on the subject. "President McKinley expressed to me a very great desire to visit California," said Colonel Kowalsky. "He has always been interested in the State and has relatives here, and told me that he had always looked forward to a trip to the Pacific Coast. He said if he could possibly arrange it he would endeavor to make the trip after visiting the Peace Jubilee at Omaha and if so would spend several weeks in the State.

"I believe that an urgent invitation from the people of the State, and especially from San Francisco, would bring President McKinley to the coast at this time. He is coming to Omaha, anyway, and if we make the invitation strong enough he will be very likely to favor us with a visit."

A Charity Performance.

The Mizpah Charity Club is to receive a benefit at the Baldwin Theater on Tuesday evening, October 4, and Wednesday evening, October 5, in order to carry on charitable work during the winter. Miss Blanche Bates will appear in Ada Rehan's character in the "Last Word." The best seats are to be sold for $1, and tickets can be obtained from any member of the club. The work of the society is to furnish food, fuel, clothing and pay rent for worthy poor; to furnish services of doctor and nurse for needy sick, and to sew for charitable institutions. The officers are: Mrs. A. C. Rulofson, president; Mrs. H. Newell, vice president; Mrs. George Straut, recording secretary; Miss M. L. Elliott, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. B. Day treasurer.

FOOLED WITH A REVOLVER.

An Accident on Bernal Heights That May Result in a Boy's Death.

The danger and gross carelessness of parents leaving weapons within the reach of children was exemplified in a case Monday afternoon which may result in the death of a boy.

Daniel Mulcahey, the four-year-old son of Thomas Mulcahey of 138 Ripley street, and his elder brother, 6 years of age, went to the house of a neighbor, John Burnett, to keep Burnett's son, a boy 7 years of age, company while his mother was downtown.

The boys discovered a revolver, and thought it would be good fun to act as soldiers. They got tired of drilling and then it was suggested to see the smoke coming from the muzzle of the revolver. Burnett after some difficulty pulled the trigger. There was a report and a flash and Daniel Mulcahey with a yell dropped to the floor. The other two boys, thoroughly frightened, ran to Mrs. Mulcahey and told her what had happened. She procured assistance and the wounded boy was carried to her home.

Dr. Rinne was summoned and he found that the bullet had struck the boy on the left arm and gone through, splintering the bone, came out at the arm pit, entered the chest and grazing a lung finally lodged in the back. The doctor extracted the bullet, but he has grave fears for the recovery of the boy.

Mrs. Burnett did not know the revolver was loaded. It belonged to her husband, who is employed on the steamer North Fork.

A HIGH-PRICED PLAYER.

Harry Corson Clarke Objected to Acting to "Popular" Prices.

Harry Corson Clarke, the star in the bill at the New Comedy Theater, and Manager Leavitt do not speak as they pass. Clarke claims that the manager of the house reduced the prices for seats in the house contrary to the understanding that was reached when the actor consented to play at the New Comedy, and consequently that scale of prices commonly known as "popular" tended to cheapen him in the theatrical world.

Clarke and his manager, S. B. Ricaby, say that when they booked to play at the theater the choice seats of the house were to be 75 cents and $1. On Monday night, when the show opened, the actor was astonished to find that the seats of the whole lower floor were selling at 50 cents. A complaint was made and Leavitt gave promises to remedy the cause of the actor's objections. Last night the programmes again announced that seats would be obtainable at "popular" prices and tickets were sold at the rate Clarke had found fault with.

The actor refused to go on with the play unless something more than assurances were given him that the high scale of prices would prevail during the remainder of his engagement. To-night the seats will be 75 cents and $1, and Clarke maintains that even if there will not be as large a house to greet him his reputation as a first-class and high-priced player will not suffer.

OUR COUNTRY AUNT.

Amusing Play Presented Under the Auspices of Loyal Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Loyal Rebekah Lodge of the Odd Fellows had an entertainment last night outside of the lodgeroom. The membership and many friends met in the Assembly Hall of the Odd Fellows' building to witness the presentation of a farce entitled "Our Country Aunt," given under the direction of Mme. May Josephine Kincaid. The participants—professionals and amateurs—were: Reginald Travis, Barney Reynolds, Kenneth McLeod, Warren King, Miss Leo Herndon, Miss Hope Moser and Miss May de Mar. The farce was productive of much mirth. Between the first and second acts the orchestra rendered Darktown melodies, which were very much appreciated, and during the play a number of those in the cast introduced specialties, which were well received, especially those by Miss de Mar, a "tough" girl, a waif from the Five Points Mission. The committee that had charge of the entertainment was composed of the following members of the lodge: Tillie Brauer, Florence D. Linehan, Mrs. Roy, A. Daniels, Ella R. Bourne, Margaret J. Bell, Mrs. J. Perry, Mrs. Eola M. Cyrus, Dr. George Daniels, Roy A. Daniels, Mrs. J. H. Simpson, C. F. O'Neil, C. W. Smith, Marjory Jennings, Dr. A. N. Copsey. After the performance there was a dance.

SAN FRANCISCO'S WEALTH.

Auditor Broderick yesterday sent to Controller Colgan at Sacramento his annual report on the financial condition of the city and county of San Francisco. The exhibit is as follows: Total value of real estate, $189,448,545; value of improvements thereon, $93,321,185; value of personal property, including money and solvent credits, $69,574,331; total assessed valuation, $352,344,061. The assessed value of railroads (Southern Pacific) in the city and county is $189,454. The total value of mortgages assessed is $51,240,500. The amount of bonds outstanding is $291,000, while the city cash on hand to redeem the same is $195,543,362, leaving a net debt of $95,456 38. The valuation put on all parks, public school buildings, engine-houses and other city and county property is $25,000,257.

A Church Benefit.

An entertainment and social was given last night at Union Square Hall for the benefit of the new church of Holy Cross parish. It was under the management of Mrs. J. J. Dunn and Mrs. Fitzhenry, and it was in every way a success. A well selected programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and fancy dances was carried out and every number pleasingly rendered. Those who took part were: John N. Ross, Blanch Trelease, B. Tarbox, Carl Johnson, Miss A. Sullivan, Jack Cathcart, Lottie Baxter, Lulu Mephans, Miss M. Bolster and Haynes' orchestra. After the programme there was dancing.

Chief Lees Sued.

Chief I. W. Lees was awakened from his dream of power yesterday and brought to a realization of things terrestrial by the filing of a suit against him for the recovery of money taken from J. Picetti. James A. Devoto, as assignee of the latter, filed the suit against the Chief to recover $412, which, he alleges, was taken forcibly from Picetti on August 20, and which is now unlawfully retained. The complaint also asks for $100 damages.

James C. Singer's Will.

The will of James C. Singer, who died in this city last Monday after a debauch, while on a visit from Butte, Mont., was filed for probate yesterday. A petition of the Public Administrator for special letters upon the estate of the deceased was also filed. It recites Singer's ownership of stocks and bonds, cash and other property, found on the person of the deceased. The property is bequeathed to Mrs. Agnes Jenkins of Branchton, Ontario, and Mrs. Marion Bennie of Detroit, Mich.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

I Can Eat

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