ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

GRAND JURORS HUNTING FOR CASH BAIL

Constables and Justices Under Fire.

SOME TELLTALE RECORDS

BAIL MONEY VANISHES WITH THE PRISONER'S RELEASE.

The Second Trial of Deputy Constable Dowling, Under Indictment for Perjury, Has Been Concluded.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Oct. 5.

The Grand Jury has started on a chase after lost cash bails, which the records of some county and township officials show ought to be somewhere, but which in reality cannot be found. Evidently no one is responsible for the disposition of cash bail that was put up in several cases, and according to the evidence any one can fix the bail to suit the occasion.

For several days the Grand Jury has been investigating the conduct of Constables and Justices of the Peace, and to-day Constables Glaze, Cramer and Weidler, Deputy Sheriff Lane and Justice Lawrence, besides Supervisor Talcott and others were subpenaed and questioned about points of irregularity bearing on the discoveries made by Expert Dunshee in the records.

Two cases have attracted the particular attention of the Grand Jury. In February, 1896, A. L. Edwards and a young woman from San Francisco were arrested for disturbing the peace on the county road by Constables Glaze and Cramer. They were placed in the County Jail, and, Jailer Lane's books show, were afterward released on $10 cash bail each. The case was entered on Justice Lawrence's docket, but there does not appear a word as to the disposal of the $20.

"It is absurd to suppose that I would let any one off on $10 cash bail in such cases," said Justice Lawrence to-day. "I generally fix it at $100 bond or $20 cash bail. I don't even know who fixed the bail in this case."

Another case is that of the arrest of John C. Wood by Constable Glaze on a charge of vagrancy. The defendant put up $20 cash bail and the complaint was filed in Justice Clift's court. Judge Clift does not know who entered the case on his docket, or who fixed the bail, or where the $20 went. The money is being traced by the Grand Jury.

Deputy Constable Richard Dowling's second trial on a charge of perjury was concluded before Superior Judge Ellsworth this afternoon. Dowling was indicted by the Grand Jury for making oath and swearing to a complaint in Justice Clift's court on June 1, 1898, against Ed Carr and another tramp named Ramsey; and that he arrested them in a box car outside of the city limits. The prosecution contended that the men were arrested at Sixteenth-street station, inside the city limits, over which Oakland Township Justice Clift has no jurisdiction.

The jury went out about 4 o'clock, and at midnight stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction. At that time they were locked up for the night until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Heavy Door of a Safe Breaks Suddenly From Its Hinges.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 5.—A peculiar accident took place in the postoffice this morning, which narrowly escaped having serious results. The valuables of the place are kept in a great double-door safe, standing about six feet high. Deputy Postmaster Marston opened these doors this morning, and then instead of going to his desk, which stands directly in front of the safe, he stepped a few inches to one side. As he did so, without a particle of warning one of the doors fell with a crash to the floor, both hinges having broken short off. As the door fell it struck the front of the desk used by Mr. Marston, smashing it into pieces. Had he been in his customary place he must have been terribly injured and perhaps killed, as the door weighs nearly half a ton. Examination of the broken hinges showed that one of them had an old crack in the metal. This is supposed to have been caused years ago when the safe in question went through a fire in San Francisco. It was badly damaged, and was repaired subsequently. There was no way of discovering the crack in the iron.

HER WEALTHY HUSBAND LIVED WITHOUT WORK

MRS. MARIE TSCHURR'S STORY OF DOMESTIC UNHAPPINESS.

Was Compelled to Turn Her Home Into a Lodging-House to Make a Living.

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Marie E. Tschurr of East Oakland was to-day granted a divorce by Judge Hall from Michael T. Tschurr on the ground of desertion, and was allowed to resume her maiden name, Marie Bounardel. On the witness stand this morning Mrs. Tschurr recited a story of domestic unhappiness that convinced the court.

The defendant, Michael T. Tschurr, a wealthy German, who claims to descend from royal ancestry, married plaintiff in San Francisco March 29, 1893, and since that eventful occasion Michael cut his acquaintance with all and any kind of labor, and on the inheritance which came to him upon the death of his father he managed to keep the wolf from his back yard. Mrs. Tschurr testified that her royal husband caroused and went on debauches. She seldom saw him, as he was in the habit of quitting his fireside with the dawn, only to return late at night.

Notwithstanding his wealth, Mrs. Tschurr said he left her in absolute penury, and she was forced to convert her elegant home into a lodging house, that she might earn a living.

For more than a year the couple had not spoken a kind word as they passed by—so several witnesses testified. The husband was so eager to get rid of his wife that he made many concessions of property contingent upon the decree granted to-day. The wife was allowed to resume her maiden name, Marie Bounardel.

Oakland Red Cross Ladies.

OAKLAND, Oct. 5.—The ladies of the Red Cross Society had an honored guest this morning at their rooms. She was Mrs. Norwood of Texarkana, Texas, granddaughter of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner." The local Red Cross society are making numerous improvements at the home. Every afternoon at 3 o'clok hot chocolate and crackers are served to the soldiers.

Stone Must Stand Trial.

OAKLAND, Oct. 5.—Manuel Stone, the Portuguese editor, who was indicted by the Grand Jury for falsely swearing to the correctness of certain advertising claims, was arraigned before Judge Ellsworth to-day. The matter went over for one week.

Fruitvale Fire-Fighters.

OAKLAND, Oct. 5.—Fruitvale Hose Company No. 1 was organized Monday night, with Frank Haus as president, J. E. White secretary and J. K. Jeffress treasurer. The company has already purchased a chemical fire engine, 600 feet of hose and a hose cart, representing an outlay of $1350.

FAVOR NICARAGUA CANAL.

State Grangers Condemn the Evasion of the War Tax by Corporations.

OAKLAND, Oct. 5.—The delegates to the State Grange were entertained at Berkeley this morning and were then taken through the university buildings. They were met by a committee consisting of Professors E. W. Hilgard, Fowler, Wickson, Jaffa, Colby and Bioletti, who escorted the visitors through the various departments.

At the afternoon session of the Grange the following resolution was presented by Overseer Worthen:

Whereas, our increasing products demand cheap transportation; and whereas, the construction of said canal has become a national necessity; therefore be it

Resolved, That the California State Grange, now in session, express a desire to confer with the Chamber of Commerce, State Board of Trade and Mechanics' Institute to the end that united co-operation may secure aforesaid construction and control of the Nicaragua Canal by the United States Government.

Other resolutions condemn the practice of express companies and other corporations exacting from patrons, in addition to regular charges, the war tax. The practice was declared to be an "outrageous imposition of their share of the burden of taxation on the public patronizing and doing business with them."

Memorial services were held this evening and eulogies pronounced for the grangers who have died during the past year.

ARTISTS GIVEN SPACE AT THE EXPOSITION

PRESIDENT NELSON NAMES HIS COMMITTEES.

Exhibitors From All Portions of State Are Applying for Space.

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The Oakland Exposition will open in a month and already the large buildings are being prepared for the various exhibits. Manager Gray has been given an assistant and Secretary George Roeth also finds it necessary to employ a clerk, owing to the daily increasing amount of work to be done. A contract has already been awarded for decorating the exposition hall and the various booths. Members of the Sketch Club have successfully protested against the proposition not to have an art gallery this year, and it has been decided to allow the same space for art exhibits as formerly. The artists have undertaken to superintend the hanging of the pictures and to care for them without cost to the directors.

Chairman Nelson has appointed the following sub-committees:

Auditing and finance—Messrs. Gier, Keller and Trowbridge; space and concessions—Messrs. Keller, Sohst and Gier; entertainment and programme—Messrs. Trowbridge, Keller and Britton; machinery and building—Messrs. Buswell, Britton and Sharp; tickets and admission—Messrs. Roeth, Bell and Sohst; press rules—Messrs. Bell, Sharp and Buswell.; awards—Messrs. Buswell, Bell and Sharp; horticulture and viticulture—Messrs. Sharp, Gier and Sohst; reception—Messrs. Sohst, Gier and Trowbridge; executive—Messrs. Gier, Keller, Bell, Roeth and Trowbridge.

A proposition was placed before the board to-day seeking to combine the annual poultry and bench shows with the Exposition. This has been given up, however, as all the space will be required by other exhibits. San Francisco exhibitors are taking much space and from other parts of the State applications have already been received. This will be the first time that the Exposition has included exhibits from places outside of Alameda County. This year it is intended to make it take the place of the Mechanics' Fair.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

REV. GEORGE GIBSON IS DOCTRINAL SPEAKER.

Young People Organize and Elect a Full Board of Officers and Managers.

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The second day's proceedings of the Baptist Central Association opened this morning with a discussion on "Giving." Several of the ministers and delegates took part.

Rev. S. C. Keetch read the obituary report, and several eulogies were pronounced in memory of the late Dr. S. B. Morse. Rev. S. W. Beaven made a plea for the Home for the Children of Missionaries. The home is in Washington, between Seattle and Tacoma, and the speaker believed that it should be given the support of all the Baptists on the coast.

Rev. E. R. Bennett spoke on behalf of the Pacific Baptist, the organ of the Central Association, and compared it with the Baptist Standard of Chicago, much to the advantage of the coast paper.

Addresses on various topics were made by Rev. L. B. Harvey, Rev. C. M. Hill, Rev. T. H. Webster, Rev. T. G. Brownson, D.D., Mrs. R. E. Beach, Mrs. M. S. Haight, Miss Mattie Walton and D. P. Ward. This evening Rev. J. George Gibson preached a doctrinal sermon.

The following officers of the association have been elected: L. W. Elliott, moderator; B. C. Wright, secretary; George Fraser, treasurer.

A Young People's Union of the Central Baptist Association of California was organized and the following were elected as its officers: President, G. W. Fraser, Golden Gate; vice president, C. H. Mackay, Stockton; secretary, Mrs. M. E. Gallagher, San Francisco; treasurer, Miss E. M. Reed, Alameda; board of managers—John Patton, Albert Waters, Miss M. L. Bean.

Colored Odd Fellows.

OAKLAND, Oct. 5.—The District Grand Lodge of the colored Odd Fellows has concluded its fifth annual session. Among the officers who are to serve for the ensuing year are: A. D. French, San Jose, district grand master; W. D. Goldsborough, Oakland, assistant grand master; A. J. Jones, San Francisco, grand secretary; J. L. Derrick, San Francisco, grand treasurer; J. Sorese, Los Angeles, grand director. The several committees will be appointed later by the grand officers. The next Grand Lodge will meet in Sacramento October 3, 1899.

Congratulations From Paris.

OAKLAND, Oct. 5.—Mayor Thomas received to-day a letter from Paris congratulating him and the city of Oakland in taking steps to stamp out the cigarette habit. The letter is from President E. Decrolx of "Societe Coutre L'Abus du Tobac"—the society against the abuse of tobacco. The interesting epistle has been handed to a French scholar for translation.

Old Records Admitted.

OAKLAND, Oct. 5.—An important point was won to-day by the Water Front Company in the suit brought against it by this city. Judge Ogden decided that defendant could use, as evidence, the records of the City Clerk showing the intention of the City Council in early days with regard to dedicating the property to public use.

Oakland News Items.

OAKLAND, Oct. 5.—Amanda Gardner has filed an amended complaint against Constable H. W. von Kapff of Alameda, charging him with unlawfully seizing her property.

Arthur Downing, Bradley Armstrong and R. B. Richardson, the Oakland lads who went to Santa Rosa to pick hops and ran away with a farmer's revolver while there, have been sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society in San Francisco.

Mary L. Harrison has been appointed guardian of Esther Kelley, an insane person. Judge Ellsworth fixed her bond at $15,000.

School Superintendent J. W. McClymonds received a dispatch to-day announcing the death of his father at Porterville, Pa., which occurred yesterday. Decedent was aged 80 years.

TAX ORDINANCE NOT APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

Vital Questions to Be Decided.

TRUE STORY OF THE LAKE

CLUB MEMBERS PROPOSE TO GIVE A LARGE PARK.

"No Time for Monkeying," Says the Mayor, When He Reviewed the Important Matter Before Him.

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It is comparatively certain that Mayor Thomas will not sign the ordinance passed by the Council fixing the tax levy at $1 21. Some close figuring has been done, and it is found that the bare cost of maintaining the city government and the schools, provided they do not cost one cent more than last year, will not be provided by the ordinance, but will leave a debt of $75,000. This can only be averted by closing the schools a certain time; by leaving the streets uncleaned and unrepaired; by closing the Free Library and by crippling every department of the city government.

In addition to this the whole of the annexed territory, which contributes about $40,000 in taxes this year to the city treasury, will be left without so much as a sprinkling cart.

Mayor Thomas has given the Councilmen notice that he is studying the ordinance in detail, and that when he is ready he will call a special meeting and submit his message to them. He will require assurance that none of the municipal funds will be left in such condition as to cripple the departments. The head of every department has already assured the Mayor that the levy is thoroughly impracticable, and consequently it will be sent back to the Council without the Mayor's approval, and possibly with his veto.

The proposition regarding the improvements of Lake Merritt has not yet been put before the public. The members of the club have formulated plans which will greatly enhance the attractiveness, the health and the value of a large portion of the city. They have acquired title from the Water Front Company, by purchase, to all the marsh land between the Government harbor line south of the Eighth street bridge and Twelfth street dam, which amounts to about twenty acres, and is at the present time a most objectionable sight. The plan includes the building of a bulkhead on the eastern shore of this mudbank, leaving a channel of sufficient width between the private property line and the bulkhead. Through this channel dredged to sufficient depth would pass daily the ebb and flow of the tide between the estuary and the lake, which is necessary to flood the main lake sewer. The whole of this tract will be deeded to the city by the club—it now standing in the name of one of the members—as soon as it is evident that the contract for dredging the lake will make it certain that the tract will be filled in by the mud. This plan also includes the taking of the city entirely of the Eleventh street trestle, which would go directly through this twenty-acre park, and transferring the electric road to a special track to be built on the south side of the Twelfth street dam, which would be widened to permit of such a change.

The club on the one hand wants positive assurance that the work will not be discontinued by the next Council which takes office on April 1, and, therefore, they want the whole appropriation of $80,000 included in this year's levy. On the other hand, the taxpayers demand that there shall be sufficient money to run the city in a decent manner.

This is the situation the Mayor and the city government face, and it is one of supreme interest to every taxpayer and citizen of Oakland.

When asked for his opinion this afternoon Mayor Thomas said: "I am thinking—deeply thinking. The Councilmen tell me that in some manner or other the money will certainly be forthcoming to run the different departments if I allow their levy to become a law. I find out that there will be about $75,000 of a shortage, and I have not yet found out the 'somehow or other' manner in which it can be obtained. I do not want my term of office to expire next March with the schools closed, the free library and reading rooms closed and the city heavily in debt, and I want these gentlemen who have prepared this levy to prove to me that such will not be the case.

"I am told that the proposed ordinance licensing every merchant and professional man will bring in the necessary income. This ordinance is not yet passed, and judging from the opposition it has aroused I cannot see much hope for it. A state of affairs now faces the city government which requires much care and thought. It is not a time for mountebanks to play to the gallery, but it is a time for earnest and cautious action. As soon as I am ready I shall call the Council together and deliberate with them."

Red Cross Society.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 5.—The Alameda branch of the Red Cross Society reports that it has so far collected $1687 and has disbursed $1528 88, leaving $158 02 on hand. Of the disbursements $500 went to the Convalescent Home and $483 71 to the members of Company G while at Camp Barrett. The society returns its hearty thanks to the public which has so generously contributed to its good work.

Board of Education.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 5.—The Board of Education held its regular session last evening and transacted routine business. The reports showed that at the beginning of September there was on hand $16,680 10. The disbursements during the month were $7228 92, leaving $9444 18 on hand. The board will meet in special session next Tuesday evening to consider the plans for heating the Haight school.

Library Trustees.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 5.—At the meeting of the Board of Library Trustees last evening Trustee Herman Toelken resigned his position on account of ill-health, and Principal Charles C. Hughes of the Encinal School was elected to fill the vacancy. The report of the librarian showed that 10,725 books had been issued during the month, of which 61 per cent was fiction. There are now 7217 card holders on the rolls of the library.

Alameda News Items.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 5.—A meeting of the Exempt Firemen will be held this evening in the Recorder's court room.

News has been received from Alaska that Joseph A. Leonard, of the steamer Dawson City, has had his foot crushed by catching it in the machinery of the engine.

The Teachers' Club has arranged for a series of lectures to be given this fall, which will include one by Professor Jordan on the "Enchanted Mesa."

College Military Promotions.

BERKELEY, Oct. 5.—Professor Frank Soule, commandant of the Cadet Corps of the University of California, has published the list of promotions of student officers for this term. The promotions were made only among members of the junior class, several of whom now receive their commissions as second lieutenants. The names of the successful ones, together with their assignment, are as follows:

To be second lieutenants—R. Moulthrop, Company E; H. S. Robinson, Company H; E. W. Oliver, Company D; P. Dolman, Company F; R. H. Collins, Company G; C. Seyler, Company C; E. G. Kuster, Company B; J. D. Hoffman, Company A; J. V. de Laveaga, Signal Corps.

To be sergeants major—W. A. S. Foster, assigned to the First Battalion; A. G. Dorety, assigned to the Second Battalion.

To be first sergeants—A. Remmel, Company A; F. M. Foster, Company B; W. Oliver, Company C; R. L. Oliver, Company D; A. C. Babson, Company E; H. S. Breed, Company G; W. Sukeforth, Company H; C. E. Schmitt, Signal Corps.

Gage Postpones His Visit.

BERKELEY, Oct. 5.—Henry T. Gage, who was to have delivered an address here to-day, has postponed his coming until to-morrow afternoon. The candidate for Governor will be present at a mass-meeting of the students of the University of California Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in Stiles Hall. Judge Van R. Paterson of San Francisco will also make an address. A. M. Magee, president of the Gage Club recently formed among the college students, and C. E. Thomas and B. H. Darnell will act as a committee to receive the distinguished visitors and escort them over the university grounds and buildings.

Berkeley News Notes.

BERKELEY, Oct. 5.—At a meeting of the trustees of the Berkeley Free Public Library, held last night, Professor S. D. Waterman was the unanimous choice of the board for the vacancy made by the death of the late Francis K. Shattuck.

The West Berkeley Democrats organized a Maguire club at the Beacon Fire House last night. The following officers were chosen: President, D. W. McLaughlin; vice president, D. Newell; secretary, T. Donahue; treasurer, W. T. Curtis; sergeant at arms, T. Murray; campaign committee—D. Newell, Daniel McLaughlin, W. J. Curtis, Charles Butterfield, T. Donahue, F. Teague and M. Heapey.

COMMODORE WATSON WILL ARRIVE TO-DAY

HE IS THE NEW COMMANDANT FOR MARE ISLAND.

First of the Naval Heroes to Reach This City Since the Beginning of the War.

Commodore John Watson, the commander of the blockading squadron which patrolled the Cuban coast during the war, will arrive from the East this morning. He comes to take charge of the navy yard at Mare Island. Upon his return from the scene of action Commodore Watson was appointed commandant of the Mare Island station.

Watson belongs to the same school of naval fighters as Schley and Dewey. He received his first training with them under the eyes of Farragut in the memorable running of the Mississippi forts. In service Commodore Watson is the senior officer. At the height of the war when the Government had determined to make a strong and final stroke by sending an American fleet across the Atlantic Ocean, Watson was given the command and preparations were begun for his departure with an increased fleet.

Then the war took another turn—toward peace—and the trip across the Atlantic was never realized. Commodore Watson is well known on this coast, having been a frequent visitor here. He was at one time captain of the cruiser San Francisco. His sons received a part of their early education in this city. His two daughters are well known in Washington society, one of them being a young woman of striking beauty.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR MARE ISLAND YARD

HON. JAMES McCUDDEN TELLS OF LOTS OF WORK THERE.

Return of the Ex-Senator From Europe—England's Regard for This Country Openly Expressed.

State Senator James McCudden and his daughter, Miss Katie McCudden, have just returned after an extensive trip to Europe and through the Eastern States. His health has been completely restored by the trip.

Mr. McCudden was greatly impressed by the high esteem and kindly treatment of the people of England for America.

"There seemed to be," he said, "nothing but the kindest feelings for this country. In England there was the greatest enthusiasm for America and all things American. On one occasion I was in a London theater, when the British flag and the stars and stripes were brought forward on the stage together. The audience fairly went wild with enthusiasm and the cheering was simply tremendous."

During his stay in Washington Senator McCudden had a pleasant interview with Chief Naval Constructor Philip Hichborn, who stated that there will be an abundance of work at Mare Island for several years, as extensive repairs and alterations will be required to many of the ships now in the Pacific waters. Mr. Hichborn believes the yard will be kept very busy.

MILITARY NEWS.

A Tennessee Private Dies Suddenly of Heart Disease.

General Miller did not finish the indorsement of the applications of the men of the Seventh Regiment until very late in the afternoon. They will be forwarded to General Merriam to-day and definite action will, no doubt, be taken some time next week.

The Senator goes into drydock to-day. At department headquarters it was given out that the transport would not be ready to sail for ten days. General Merriam has not yet selected what troops will go on the Senator, but they will probably be the Third Battalion, Twenty-third Infantry, and the Oregon recruits.

Private W. H. Bumpass, Company D, First Tennessee Regiment, dropped dead in his regimental camp on Tuesday night. He had been complaining of feeling badly during the day. His death was due to heart disease. The remains were removed to the Division Field Hospital, where the autopsy was held yesterday.

Private Carl Bates, Company K, Fifty-first Iowa Regiment, died at the Division Hospital yesterday of diphtheria following typhoid fever.

Private Robert Smith, Company K, Twenty-third Infantry, having been tried by a general court martial for absence without leave, and having been found guilty, was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the service and to be confined at hard labor upon Alcatraz for one month.

The Merchants.

At the meeting of the directors of the Merchants' Association yesterday the committee of arrangements on the annual dinner of the association, to be given on next Wednesday evening reported that over 200 members would attend.

A communication was received from Treasurer Vanderlynn Stow of the association tendering his resignation as a director on account of having been nominated for School Director, it being, as he states, "a fixed but unwritten law of the Merchants' Association that no nominee for public office shall be a director or hold office in the association." The resignation was accepted. Rolla V. Watt was elected treasurer.

Read Explorer von Brenner's account of his interview with a cannibal chief in next Sunday's Call.

May Distribute the Fund.

A decision was handed down by Judge Hebbard yesterday in the case of Theodore Growney against Unity Lodge No. 27, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and judgment was entered for the defendant. The plaintiff sought to enjoin the defendant from setting aside a by-law providing for an exempt fund for the members of the lodge after they became 60 years of age. The court held that the lodge had authority to repeal the by-law, and in consequence the fund, now amounting to $4890, will be distributed to those who contributed to its accumulation.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper of CASTORIA.

AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY IN SEWER BILLS

Two Payments for One Job.

NOBODY CAN EXPLAIN IT

AFTER MANY DAYS SOME CASH CAME BACK.

Contractor A. J. Raisch Now Wonders How the Duplication of Bills First Occurred.

In Auditor Broderick's annual report appears an item under the head of "credits to Street Department fund," as follows: "Refunded, $416 22." That is all, but there is a story connected with it.

Some six years ago A. J. Raisch was a deputy in the office of Street Superintendent Gilleran, and at that time acquired a knowledge of the fat profits which accrue to the man who is able to obtain contracts for constructing city sewers and pavements. Three years later found him in business as the San Francisco Paving Company. In fact he was after the contracts as a whole corporation and two separate individuals besides. Bids flowed in for street work from A. J. Raisch and W. C. Raisch and the aforesaid San Francisco Paving Company, in all of which it was commonly reported that A. J. had a direct interest.

The city wanted a sewer—out on California street—and A. J. or W. C., or the San Francisco Paving Company wanted to build it, either one, or all three.

The sewer was built. It is there now, but who built it, or how many different men or companies built it, remains to this day a dark mystery. A. J. thought that he built it, and he presented a bill for some $416 22 on acount of the construction. The City and County Auditor allowed the bill and the Treasurer paid it. This was over two and a half years ago. A short time afterward another bill for $416 22 coming in from the Raisch combine was audited and paid and nobody noticed that it was for the same work that had been paid for previously. Neither A. J., nor W. C., nor the Paving Company apparently noticed the double payment. If either had suspected for a moment that two payments for the same job was being exacted of the city there can be no manner of doubt but that one and all of them would have loudly protested against receiving so much extra cash from the Treasurer, and would have compelled him to desist from a double payment. But no one noticed it and the city paid just twice, but no more. Many months drifted by and the error was not corrected. Finally some six months ago an inquisitive man happened to cast an eye over the duplicated demands in the Treasurer's office and wondered—to the ultimate profit of the city. He asked some questions at the city building and then started in search of one of the Raisch partners. During the conference which followed the contractors' books were called upon for evidence and, lo! the mistake was found.

No grass was allowed to grow before W. C. Raisch dropped into the office of City and County Treasurer and paid in the sum of $416 22 on account of the person who had unwittingly taken a second payment for the sewer job. Now the San Francisco Paving Company and W. C. Raisch and A. J. Raisch are puzzling their heads to know how it all happened and how the accidental duplicate bill for the job could have run the gauntlet of the first critical inspection and then have gone smoothly sailing through the Treasurer's office to final payment without a challenge. Up to the latest accounts the strange mystery was unsolved, even to the extent of determining who made out the duplicate bills and what individual profited temporarily thereby. However, the city has got the $416 back, as the little entry in the Auditor's report shows.

LEJEAL WANTS A DIVORCE.

He Alleges Infidelity and Intemperance in His Complaint.

A divorce suit having every promise of being a sensational one was brought in the Superior Court yesterday by Alois E. Lejeal against his wife, Louise Lejeal.

The plaintiff and defendant were married in this city November 16, 1881, and at the time of the marriage the plaintiff was worth about forty thousand dollars. Lucrative investments have since increased his capital until at the present time the value of his property is $84,000.

For cause of action the plaintiff alleges infidelity and intemperance, and begs for the custody of the three minor children.

Lejeal is a well known musician.

Serious Injury by a Fall.

Guy Guinan, son of Dr. J. Guinan of Carson City, Nevada, and a student at the Cooper Medical College, sustained a fracture of the skull last Tuesday by falling from a car on Sacramento street. He was taken to Lane's Hospital and his parents were telegraphed for. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Annual Sales over 6,000,000 Boxes

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THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES. Every sufferer will acknowledge them to be

A WONDERFUL MEDICINE.

BEECHAM'S PILLS, taken as directed, will quickly restore Females to complete health. They promptly remove obstructions or irregularities of the system and cure Sick Headache. For a

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IN MEN, WOMEN OR CHILDREN

Beecham's Pills are
Without a Rival

And have the
LARGEST SALE
of any Patent Medicine in the World.

25c. at all Drug Stores.

PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
SACRAMENTO, July 30th, 1898.

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of California, at its thirty-second session beginning on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1897, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses of said Legislature voting in favor thereof, proposed the following described amendments to the Constitution of the State of California, to-wit:

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE.

(Being Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 9.)

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to section eighteen of article eleven of the Constitution, in relation to revenue and taxation, by which it is proposed to amend said section to read as follows:

Section 18. No county, city, town, township, board of education or school district shall incur any indebtedness or liability in any manner or for any purpose exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided for it for such year, without the assent of two-thirds of the qualified electors thereof, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, nor unless before, or at the time of incurring such indebtedness, provision shall be made for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such indebtedness as it falls due, and also provision to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof on or before maturity, which shall not exceed forty years from the time of contracting the same; provided, however, that the City and County of San Francisco may at any time pay the unpaid claims with interest thereon for materials furnished to and work done for said city and county during the forty-third and forty-fourth fiscal years, out of the income and revenue of any succeeding year or years; provided, that any and all claims for making, repairing, altering or for any work done upon or for any material furnished for any street, lane, alley, court, place or sidewalk, or for the construction of any sewer or sewers in said city and county are hereby excepted from the provisions of this section; and in determining any claim permitted to be paid by this section, no statute of limitations shall apply in any manner; and provided further, that the City of Vallejo, in Solano County, may pay its existing indebtedness incurred in the construction of its water works, whenever two-thirds of the electors thereof voting at an election held for that purpose shall so decide. Any indebtedness or liability incurred contrary to this provision, with the exception hereinbefore recited, shall be void.

AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO.

(Being Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 10.)

A resolution proposing to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding a new section, to be known and designated as section seven and one-half, article eleven thereof, providing for the framing by the inhabitants of counties of local county government acts for their own government. The said proposed new section to read as follows:

Section 7½. The inhabitants of any county may frame a county government act for their own government, relating to the matters hereinafter specified, and consistent with and subject to the Constitution and laws of this State, by causing a board of fifteen freeholders, who have been, for at least five years, qualified electors of such county, to be elected by the qualified electors of such county, at any general or special election, whose duty it shall be within ninety days after such election, to prepare and propose a county government act for such county, which shall be signed in duplicate by the members of such board, or a majority of them, and returned, one copy thereof to the Board of Supervisors or other legislative body of such county, and the other copy to be sent to the Recorder of Deeds of the county. Such proposed county government act shall then be published in two papers of general circulation in such county, or if there be not two such papers, then in one only, for at least twenty days, and within not less than thirty days after such publication it shall be submitted to the qualified electors of such county, at a general or special election, and if a majority of such qualified electors voting thereon shall ratify the same, it shall thereafter be submitted to the Legislature for its rejection or approval, as a whole, without power of alteration or amendment, and if approved by a majority of the members elected to each house, it shall be the county government act of such county, and shall in such case become the organic law thereof and supersede any existing county government act, and all amendments thereof, and all special laws inconsistent with such county government act.

A copy of such county government act, certified by the President of the Board of Supervisors or other legislative body of such county, and authenticated by the seal of such county, setting forth the submission of such county government act to the electors, and its ratification by them, shall be made in duplicate and deposited, one in the office of the Secretary of State, the other, after being recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in the county, among the archives of the county.

All courts shall take judicial notice thereof. The county government act so ratified may be amended, at intervals of not less than two years, by proposals therefor, submitted by the legislative authority of the county, to the qualified electors thereof, at a general or special election held at least forty days after the publication of such proposals for twenty days in a newspaper of general circulation in such county, and ratified by at least three-fifths of the qualified electors voting thereon, and approved by the Legislature as herein provided for the approval of the county government act. In submitting any such county government act any alternative article or proposition may be presented for the choice of the voters, and may be voted on separately without prejudice to others.

It shall be competent in all county government acts framed under the authority given by this section, to provide for the manner in which, the times at which, and the terms for which the several township and county officers other than Judges of the Superior Court, shall be elected or appointed; for their compensation; for the number of such officers, for the consolidation or segregation of offices, for the number of deputies that each officer shall have, and for the compensation payable to each of such deputies, for the manner in which, the times in which, and the terms for which the members of all boards of election shall be elected or appointed and for the constitution, regulation, compensation and government of such boards, and of their clerks and attaches; also, to prescribe the manner and method by which all elections by the people shall be conducted; and may in addition determine the tests and conditions upon which electors, political parties and organizations may participate in any primary election.

Whenever any county has, in the manner and method herein pointed out, adopted any county government act, and the same shall have been approved by the Legislature as aforesaid, the direction of sections four and five of this article providing for the uniformity of a system of county governments throughout the State, and likewise providing for the election and appointment of officers, and the regulation of their compensation, shall not apply. Said county government act shall, as to any of the matters hereinabove provided for and declared by such county government act, not be subject to any law or amendment enacted by the Legislature, except by amendment first submitted to the electors and ratified in the manner hereinabove set forth.

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE.

(Being Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 44.)

A resolution proposing to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding a new section, to be known and designated as section five and one-half, article six, thereby providing for the organization of a court, to be known as the Court of Claims. The said proposed new section to read as follows:

Section 5½. The Court of Claims shall consist of any three Judges of the Superior Court, who may be requested by the Governor to hold court at the regular terms thereof. The Court of Claims shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all claims of every kind and character against the State, under such laws as may be passed by the Legislature, and its judgment thereon shall be final. The terms of the Court of Claims shall be held as follows:

In the City of Los Angeles, commencing on the second Monday of March;

In the City and County of San Francisco, commencing on the second Monday in July, and

In the City of Sacramento, commencing on the second Monday of November of each year. The Judges holding such term of court shall receive no extra compensation therefor, but shall receive their actual expenses, to be paid out of the general fund of the State treasury. The Legislature shall enact all laws necessary to organize such court, to provide the procedure thereof and to carry out the provisions of this section.

AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR.

(Being Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 27.)

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, amending article eleven, by adding a new section thereto, to be known as section number five and one-half, relating to consolidated city and county governments. The said proposed new section to read as follows:

Section 5½. The provisions of sections four and five of this article shall not, nor shall any legislation passed pursuant thereto, apply to any consolidated city and county government, now existing or hereafter formed, which shall have become, or shall become, organized under section seven, or secure a charter under section eight of this article.

AMENDMENT NUMBER FIVE.

(Being Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 36.)

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment of section fifteen and section sixteen of article five of the Constitution of the State of California, by which it is proposed to amend said sections to read as follows:

Section 15. A Lieutenant Governor shall be elected at the same time and place and in the same manner as the Governor, and his term of office and his qualifications shall be the same. He shall be president of the Senate, but shall only have a casting vote therein.

Section 16. In case of the impeachment of the Governor, or his removal from office, death, inability to discharge the powers and duties of his office, resignation or absence from the State, the powers and duties of the office shall devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor for the residue of the term, or until the disability shall cease. And should the Lieutenant Governor be impeached, displaced, resign, die or become incapable of performing the duties of his office, or be absent from the State, the president pro tempore of the Senate shall act as Governor until the vacancy in the office of Governor shall be filled at the next general election when members of the Legislature shall be chosen, or until such disability of the Lieutenant Governor shall cease. In case of a vacancy in the office of Governor for any of the reasons above named, and neither the Lieutenant Governor nor the president pro tempore of the Senate shall succeed to the powers and duties of Governor, then the powers and duties of such office shall devolve upon the speaker of the Assembly, until the office of Governor shall be filled at such general election.

AMENDMENT NUMBER SIX.

(Being Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 38.)

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to section six, article nine of the Constitution of the State of California, relating to grammar schools, by which it is proposed to amend said section to read as follows:

Section 6. The public school system shall include primary and grammar schools, and such high schools, evening schools, normal schools and technical schools as may be established by the Legislature or by municipal or district authority, but the entire revenue derived from the State school fund and the State school tax shall be applied exclusively to the support of primary and grammar schools. Grammar schools shall include schools organized in a school district, or union of school districts, having more than one thousand inhabitants, in which a course of study shall be taught which will prepare pupils to enter the agricultural, mining or scientific department of the University of California.

AMENDMENT NUMBER SEVEN.

(Being Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 34.)

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to section two of article four of the Constitution, in relation to sessions of the Legislature, by which it is proposed to amend said section to read as follows:

Section 2. The sessions of the Legislature shall commence at twelve o'clock meridian on the first Monday after the first day of January next succeeding the election of its members, and shall be biennial unless the Governor shall in the interim convene the Legislature by proclamation. The Legislature shall then remain in session for twenty-five days, after which it must adjourn to some date not less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the time of adjournment. If the two houses fail to agree upon a time at which they will resume their session, the Governor shall, by proclamation, fix a date for such reconvening, which shall be within the limits above prescribed. Upon reassembling the Legislature shall complete its session. No pay shall be allowed to members for a longer period than seventy-five days, and no bill shall be introduced in either house except at the first twenty-five days of the session, without the consent of three-fourths of the members thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to