ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

REPUBLICANS PREPARE FOR FINAL SHOTS

Perkins and Metcalf in Oakland.

PROSPECTS VERY BRIGHT

NO HOPE FOR DEMOCRATIC SUPERVISORS

Feidler Goes Campaigning in the Wrong County—Slanders on Talcott Are Harmless.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Nov. 4.

To-morrow evening the Republicans will hold a grand rally at the Macdonough Theater. Senator George C. Perkins and Victor H. Metcalf will address the voters. There will be a grand street parade, and after the meeting a banquet will be given by the Republican Alliance.

Next Monday evening the Army and Navy Republican League will hold a big demonstration in the Tabernacle. This will be preceded by a parade.

Less is being heard each day of the independent and unattached candidates, and hourly the Republican party is becoming more solid. Within the past few days it has been made very evident that the opposition to Supervisor Talcott has been effectively killed, and Supervisor Church is now certain to succeed himself. There is no hope for the Democratic manipulators to have a subservient Board of Supervisors during the next two years. This has been the most bitter fight during the campaign, but as the election approaches the opposition to the Republican ticket is dying out.

Arthur Feidler, the Republican nominee for Treasurer, wasted a day and a half of political work last week. He was busy electioneering in what he supposed was the northern district of this county. On the second day he discovered that he had spent a great deal of time and a little of something else in working on voters in Contra Costa County. Feidler says that he loses nothing but his time by this, because the cost cannot come within the meaning of the purity of election laws.

THE GRAND JURY QUESTIONED.

One Member Died Before It Was Discharged.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—Did the validity of the last Grand Jury expire with the death of F. K. Shattuck? On this point hangs the legality of the indictment against Constable Von Kapff of Alameda. The case was called before Judge Ellsworth this morning, and instead of pleading the defendant filed a petition to set aside the Grand Jury's indictment and also a demurrer.

In the petition the fact is recited that the Grand Jury was illegal because of the death of one of its members, and because Q. A. Chase was out of town at the time the presentation was made. These objections are apparently sustained by the section of the code bearing on the status of a grand jury, but the Supreme Court in November, 1879, in the case of People vs. Hunter, in 54th Cal., says: "An indictment found and presented by twelve grand jurors is valid, although the grand jury, owing to the absence or death of one or more of its members may consist of less than nineteen at the time of finding the indictment."

Judge Ellsworth will hear the petition to-morrow morning.

He Was Shocked.

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—Manuel Alvis is one of those lucky men who can be shocked with electricity without sustaining any serious injury. This morning he inadvertently completed the circuit at the estuary drawbridge, and for a short time was unable to disconnect himself from the current that runs the electric railroad. The track of course is disconnected at the draw, and Alvis on passing over this break stepped on one of the rails across the divide and inadvertently completed the circuit. He was considerably shocked by the current and trembled with fear and pain till an electric car passed by and when it absorbed the current in its passage Alvis was able to disconnect himself from the track.

Catastrophe Averted.

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—A serious accident at the curve leading from Webster street across the track of the Southern Pacific on First street was narrowly averted last night. Through the failure of a signal to work or the misunderstanding of it by the train hands, the broad gauge train on First street, bound for Alameda, only missed by a few feet crashing into the narrow gauge train, which was rounding the curve on its way to the mole. The self-possession of the engineer on the narrow gauge train alone prevented the calamity. After receiving the signal to go ahead he saw the approaching broad gauge train and at once reduced his speed, bringing up just a little distance from where the other train was crossing right ahead of him.

St. Mary's College Whitewashed.

BERKELEY, Nov. 4.—The football team of St. Mary's College, Oakland, lined up against the college team of the University of California this afternoon. The match was played upon the college campus before a fair number of spectators. From the kick-off it was clear that the Oakland men stood very little chance against the superior weight and training of their opponents. The feature of the game was a field goal kicked from the forty-five-yard line by Kaarsberg, Berkeley's fullback. The Berkeley men scored eight touchdowns, six goals and one field, goal making a total of 51—0.

Wife Beater Breaks Jail.

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—John Gorman, a trusty at the City Prison, who had served one month of his term of six months for wife beating, escaped this morning, and is now at large. He was sweeping out the police station, and, seeing an opportunity, dropped his broom and leisurely took French leave.

Alameda News Notes.

ALAMEDA, Nov. 4.—Bruno Steinmetz, an employe of the Fire Department, was seriously injured to-day. He was fastening a rope about the head of one of the department horses, when the animal plunged forward and struck Steinmetz in the abdomen with his hoof. Steinmetz was seriously but not dangerously injured.

California Council, Y. M. I., tendered a reception last evening to its lady friends.

The Ackerman Case Submitted.

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—The interesting case of William C. Ackerman against his sister, Mrs. Frankie Merle, that has occupied the greater part of the past three days in Superior Judge Hall's court, was closed this afternoon and has been submitted on briefs.

Denounced as False.

The report being circulated that I am in the contest for Coroner of Alameda County in the interest of Mr. McManus, I denounce as absolutely false. I have made an honorable and clean canvass and am still loyal to my friends, from whom I have solicited support. James Taylor, 464 Twelfth street, Oakland.

POSTUM CEREAL.

A CONFESSION.

Says She Can Now Talk With a Clear Conscience.

While attending the State convention of the W. C. T. U. at Manville, Wyo., I was entertained by Mrs. Nina Higby. I am a temperance lecturer, and at breakfast Mrs. Higby handed me a lovely cup of coffee with the remark: "Did you ever realize that it is not at all consistent for temperance people to continually advise others to avoid poisonous stimulants and yet day by day drink such articles themselves? This is particularly true of coffee, which is one of the most powerful narcotics in existence, although its effects are not shown as actively as whisky."

I was rather surprised at her remark, but after thinking it over a moment I realized that it was apropos. I had noticed many a case of nervous prostration that was directly traceable to coffee, for the individuals at once began to improve when they left off coffee, and I had found it so in my own experience.

I had made several attempts to break away from the habit and had failed, much to my disgust, and, oftentimes, when addressing an audience on the evils of liquor drinking, I had in my own heart felt that I was very much like an old toper, the only difference being that I wanted coffee and he wanted liquor.

Mrs. Higby went on to say: "We have abandoned coffee entirely in our family, and are using the Postum Cereal Food Coffee made down at Battle Creek, Mich., and I think when you drink this cup you will agree with me that it is in many respects a more delicious beverage than ordinary coffee, for it has a smoother, more fascinating taste, much like the very highest grades of mild Java."

I drank the cup slowly and realized that her remarks were true, and I want to say to you that I gained no more valuable knowledge at that convention in Wyoming than that which I learned at the breakfast table where I had my first cup of Postum. I have since used it regularly, very greatly to my physical and mental advantage, and have found no difficulty whatever in doing away with coffee. No one can tell how glad I am to be free from its baneful effects. I can now make a temperance address with a clear conscience, and, perhaps, I might add, a clearer complexion than formerly.

MISS NINA D. PETTIGREW,
Spearfish, - - - South Dakota.

Nina D. Pettigrew, Spearfish, S. D.

THE SOCIAL SEASON OPENS

Debutantes at the Fortnightly German—The Greenway Dinner Party.

The Friday Fortnightlys held their first dance last evening and formally opened the season of '98-99. The same delightful informality that has been a feature of the former meetings of this club prevailed last evening, making this dance in every way a most charming affair. Like all the former dances of the Fortnightlys, Lunt's Hall on Polk street was the scene of action and an artistic array of potted palms and ferns lent to the hall a festive appearance.

Mrs. Monroe Salisbury and Mrs. Gordon Blanding, patronesses of the dancing class, received the guests, assisted by Mrs. Charles Page and Mrs. Kip. Seventy-five couples took part in the german, and there was a large number of chaperons in the visitors' seats. In fact, so numerous have the demands for visitors' tickets become that the management has been obliged to considerably restrict the number issued.

The cotillion, an extremely pretty one, introducing several pretty and new figures, was led by E. H. Sheldon, assisted by Miss Olive Holbrook, one of this season's debutantes. In the first set were Miss Susie Blanding, Miss Elmore, Miss Grace Spreckels, Miss Lillie Spreckels, Miss Mary Kip, Miss Romie Wallace, Miss Margaret Salisbury, Miss Kate Salisbury, Miss Muriel Atherton and Miss Attie Murphy.

Edward M. Greenway celebrated his birthday last evening by giving a dinner in the Red Room at the Bohemian Club. Covers were laid for thirty and a most elaborate menu was discussed.

A remarkable feature of the entertainment was the lateness of the dinner hour, half-past eight. A general adoption of the late dinner—and when Mr. Greenway leads all follow—necessarily means a little social revolution. Dinners followed by dances will be almost impossible affairs, and as far as the theater party after dinners, that will be entirely out of the question.

Excellent music and gorgeous decorations lent their aid to the many charming features of the entertainment.

Widber to Be Sentenced.

Augustus C. Widber will be sentenced to-day for his crime of embezzling the city's funds. His counsel, Edgar Piexotto, concluded his argument on the motion for a new trial yesterday, and Judge Cook promptly denied the motion.

OARSMEN OUT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS

ANNUAL REGATTA TO-MORROW AT LONG BRIDGE.

Programme of Eleven Races Promises a Long and Interesting Day of Aquatic Sport.

The regatta committee of the Pacific Athletic Association has been hard at work during the week preparing for the great rowing event of the year—the championship regatta at Long Bridge to-morrow. The arrangements are nearly complete, the order of races being as follows:

Intermediate four-oared barge race—Entries: Ariels, Pioneers and Dolphins. Ariel crew—H. Wilson, bow; J. McKenna, No. 2; G. Steffens, No. 3; J. Wilson, stroke. Pioneer crew—W. St. John, bow; F. Orr, No. 2; G. Callopy, No. 3; C. L. Ochs, stroke; Ed Hause, cockswain. Dolphin crew—V. Gaglieri, bow; F. Schwarting, No. 2; W. O. Patch, No. 3; A. W. Pape, stroke; Ed Bartman, cockswain; substitute, N. Bush.

Senior outrigged skiff race—First heat—Dr. C. C. Dennis of the South Ends, F. Wilson of the Ariels and F. Ayers of the Alamedas.

Junior four-oared barge race—Ariels, Pioneers and Alamedas. Ariel crew—E. McDonough, bow; A. Haughton, No. 2; F. Loth, No. 3; E. Lynch, stroke. Pioneer crew—H. Wilder, bow; F. O'Neill, No. 2; G. Lawson, No. 3; W. Lawson, stroke; Ed Hause, cockswain. Alameda crew—C. Ayers, bow; G. Lewis, No. 2; D. Greenleaf, No. 3; E. Hunter, stroke.

Junior outrigged skiff—First heat—J. Lyons of the South Ends, F. La Chappelle of the Ariels, F. Orr of the Pioneers and J. Fickert of the Ariels.

Senior outrigged skiff—Second heat—C. L. Ochs of the Pioneers, C. Ayers of the Alamedas and G. Phelan of the Ariels.

Junior outrigged shell race—John Klander of the Pioneers and R. J. Espey Jr. of the Pioneers.

Senior four-oared barge race—Alamedas, Pioneers and South Ends. Alameda crew—E. Hadcock, bow; W. G. Hansen, No. 2; Atwell Webb, No. 3; F. W. Ayers, stroke; E. V. Hansen, cockswain. Pioneer crew—H. Wilder, bow; F. O'Neill, No. 2; G. Lawson, No. 3; W. Lawson, stroke; Ed Hause, cockswain. South End crew—James Pallas, bow; Ed Scully, No. 2; Gus Carson, No. 3; M. Breen, stroke; George McGrill, cockswain.

Senior shell race—F. Duplissea of the South Ends, H. A. Wittkopf of the Ariels and A. W. Pape of the Dolphins.

Junior outrigged skiff race—Second heat—V. Caglieri of the Dolphins, C. Artigues of the Tritons, Atwell Webb of the Alamedas and W. G. Hansen of the Alamedas.

Senior outrigged skiff race, final heat.

Junior outrigged skiff race, final heat.

The first race will be called at 11 a. m.; races will succeed at intervals of half an hour.

The colors of the six clubs which have entries in the regatta are as follows:

Ariel Rowing Club, royal blue and white; Alameda Boat Club, red, white and blue; Dolphin Boating Club, navy blue and white; Pioneer Rowing Club, magenta; South End Rowing Club, red and white; Triton Boating Club, blue and white.

The following constitute the regatta committee:

W. C. Espey of the Pioneer Rowing Club, president; J. R. Bockman of the Ariel Rowing Club, secretary; M. J. Breen of the South End Rowing Club, S. J. Pembroke of the Alameda Rowing Club, A. P. Rothkopf of the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club, J. W. Morton of the Olympic Boat Club and August Schimpf of the Triton Swimming and Boating Club.

The following are the officers of the regatta:

Referee, J. W. Morton of the Olympics; starter, Al J. Fritz of the South Ends; marshal of course, John Nolan of the Ariels; assistant marshal of course, Thomas Sands of the Pioneers. The timers are J. R. Keenan of the Dolphins, J. T. Sullivan of the Pioneers, W. B. Hinchman of the Alamedas, J. R. McElroy of the Olympics, T. Barry of the South Ends, C. Hess of the Tritons and H. A. Pless of the Ariels. The judges are A. Taylor and D. J. Sheehan of the Ariels, J. E. Brennan and J. Conly of the Pioneers, George Miller and A. Cone of the Alamedas, J. L. Herget and T. F. Bonnet of the South Ends, D. H. Everett and B. H. Coffin of the Tritons, J. Laib and A. Schuppert of the Dolphins. James D. Phelan is president of the day, Henry S. Martin honorary referee and E. I. Woodman honorary marshal.

THE PRIEST AND THE POLITICIAN

By ALICE RIX

In Next Sunday's Call.

RUPERT MANUEL'S WILL.

Bequeaths His Entire Estate to Mrs. Bertha Head.

The will of Rupert Manuel, who died on the 29th ult. in the County Jail while awaiting trial on a charge of forgery, was filed for probate yesterday. An estate—the exact value of which is unknown, but it will not exceed $10 000—is bequeathed Mrs. Bertha Head, wife of School Director Edwin L. Head.

The will, which is olographic and in wording unique, follows:

In the name of the Great Architect of the Universe: I, Rupert Manuel, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, of sound and disposing mind, not under any duress, but free as air, do publish this my last will, revoking all former wills by me made, viz.: I earnestly wish that my body should be cremated after my dissolution, giving no chance for medical faculties to dissect my remains for the advancement of science or otherwise.

I give freely and bequeath all my personal property, money in bank and real estate, to Mrs. Bertha Head, wife of Edwin L. Head, a School Director, in whose house, No. 1206 Masonic avenue, in the city and county aforesaid. I now have a home, and I appoint the aforesaid Edwin L. Head, my executor of this will and no bond or bonds shall be required of him. This will is olographic, being all in my own handwriting written. Dated San Francisco, September 19, 1898.

The Garbage Ordinance.

Guiseppe Figoni and W. D. Leavenson, who were arrested for dumping garbage in San Mateo County in violation of the ordinance providing for the burning of all garbage in the garbage crematory, were released yesterday by Judge Cook on bail pending the hearing of writs of habeas corpus in their behalf Monday next. The arrest of Figoni and Leavenson was caused for the purpose of establishing the legality of the ordinance.

BROUGHT DOWN A MILLION IN WHALEBONE

Whalers Arrive From the Arctic.

ALL MADE GOOD CATCHES

CREW OF THE GRAMPUS WAS AWAY THREE YEARS.

A Number of Casualties—One Man Was Lost in a Fog and Starved to Death—Another One Jumped Overboard.

"Whaling is better than Klondiking," said an old tar as he watched the steam whalers Grampus and Karluk pass Meiggs wharf yesterday. Earlier in the day the Narwhal had also got in and in consequence whalers ashore for a run were plentiful.

Since August last there has either arrived from the whaling fleet on other steamers or come in on the whalers themselves 115,426 pounds of bone, 3715 barrels of oil and 9510 pounds of ivory. The Narwhal brought in yesterday 42,600 pounds of bone and 548 barrels of oil, the Karluk 50000 pounds of bone and four bearskins and the Grampus 40,000 pounds of bone. This will make a total of 203,026 pounds of bone, which, at the present low figure of $3 50 a pound, equals $710,591.

At the present time whale oil is worth about $6 a barrel, so that the catch of that article is worth in the open market $25,818. The catch, however, has been a very poor one, as few of the whalers took the trouble to save the oil once they had secured the whalebone. In consequence the price of oil is sure to advance as soon as the last of the fleet has been heard from. In round figures the value of the catch, which has arrived up to date, is not far short of a million dollars.

There are still to be heard from the Beluga with 31 whales, Mary D. Hume 10, Jeanette 2, Balaena 24, William Baylies 6 and Alaska one whale. As each whale will average at least $6000 these vessels will bring in another half-million, which tends to show that there is some truth in the old salt's statement that "whaling is better than Klondiking."

The Narwhal sailed from San Francisco on March 9, 1897, and wintered in Langton Bay, 300 miles to the eastward of the Mackenzie River. Just before sailing John Leary, a boatsteerer, was brought aboard drunk. Instead of getting better he developed delirium tremens, and when the Narwhal was six days from port he jumped overboard at night and was drowned. During the summer in the Arctic a Kanaka sailor got lost in the fog and a month later his shipmates found his remains. He had starved to death. Two other members of the Narwhal's crew died from natural causes, so that vessel had quite a casualty list.

The Karluk only left here on March 15, 1898, so her crew have only been on a short cruise. Captain McGregor reports that the Balaena and Thrasher were to sail from Unalaska for San Francisco on October 26. The crew of the Karluk took seven whales, but the whalebone from the majority of them was sent down last August.

The Grampus is the vessel that has had a long siege of it in the Arctic. She left here on March 21, 1895, and nearly all the men who went north on her came back with Captain Cumisky.

On March 9, 1896, Charles Morton went out hunting for deer. He got lost in a fog and died of starvation. On January 26, 1897, A. Larsen and Fred Ellipson went out seal and walrus hunting to provide blubber for the dogs. They got lost among the ice fields and were never seen again.

The work of raising the sunken river steamer J. D. Peters was begun yesterday. Pontoons were put alongside, and the chances are that the vessel will be floated off to-day and put on the ways for temporary repairs. She will then be taken to Stockton for a thorough overhauling. The new steamer H. J. Corcoran has been put on the run in place of the Peters. As soon as the overhauling now being given the T. C. Walker is completed she will take up the Peters' run and the Corcoran will take her old schedule.

The bark John Palmer (late the British ship Blairmore) has been chartered to load lumber at Puget Sound for Australia. She will go from here in ballast.

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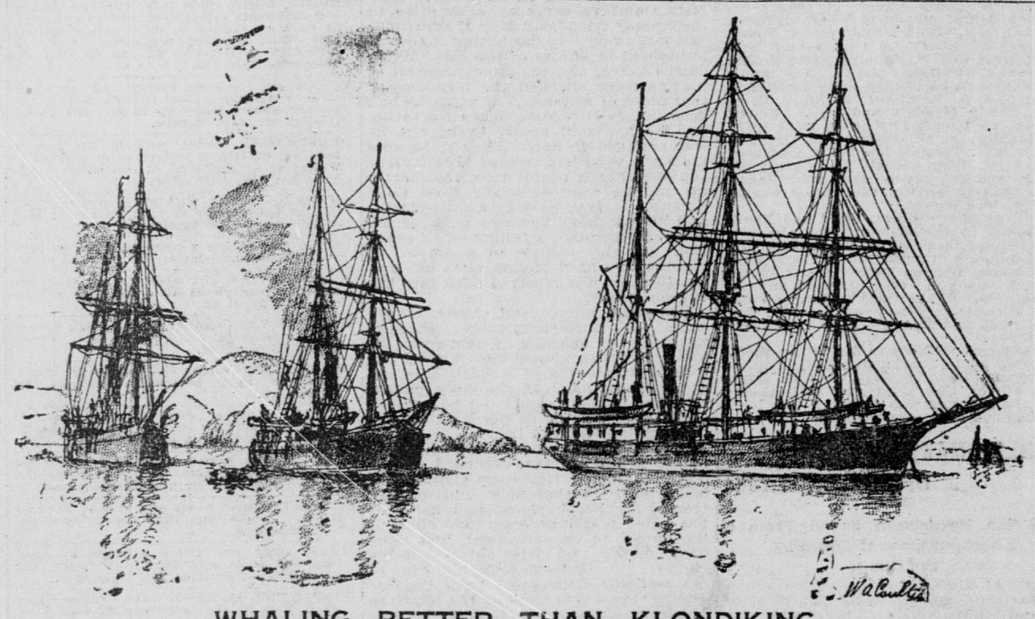
The Hearst Libel Case.

The case of W. R. Hearst, proprietor of the Examiner, charged with libel by Claus Spreckels, was on the calendar of Judge Mogan's court yesterday morning, but as the Judge was sick Judge Conlan was sent for and continued all the cases on the calendar till this morning. The defendant, accompanied by his attorney, Garret McEnerney, was in court; also Grove L. Johnson, representing the prosecution.

The Fire Department.

The Fire Commissioners met Thursday afternoon and fined Thomas McElroy, engineer of engine 10, three days' pay for neglect of duty. Patrick J. Keenan, who murdered his wife, resigned as steward of chemical engine 4, and Edward King was appointed to fill the vacancy. Samuel Simmons was appointed hoseman of engine 16.



WHALING BETTER THAN KLONDIKING.

The steam whalers Narwhal, Grampus and Karluk got in from the Arctic yesterday. All three vessels did wonderfully well. In connection with what other vessels of the fleet have sent down their catch is worth fully a million dollars, while other whalers yet to be heard from will bring in half a million more.

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For Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Simeon, Cayucos, Port Harford (San Luis Obispo), Gaviota, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Hueneme, San Pedro, East San Pedro (Los Angeles) and Newport, 9 a. m., Nov. 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, Dec. 3, and every fourth day thereafter.

For San Diego, stopping only at Port Harford (San Luis Obispo), Santa Barbara, Port Los Angeles and Redondo (Los Angeles), 11 a. m., Nov. 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, Dec. 1, and every fourth day thereafter.

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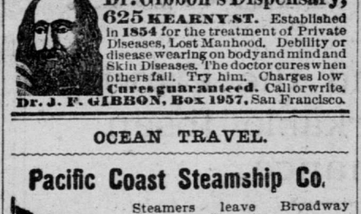

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PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
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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. 41.)

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. 37.)

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 the provisions of the Constitution, and an act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An act to provide for the submission of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of California, to the qualified electors for their approval," approved March 7, A. D. 1893, the above-described proposed amendments are hereby published and advertised to be voted upon, by ballot, by the qualified electors of the State, at the election to be held throughout this State on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, A. D. 1898.

The said proposed amendments are to be separately voted upon in manner and form as follows:

Each ballot used at such election must contain written or printed thereon the following words, whereupon the voter may express his choice as provided by law:

Amendment Number One, being Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 41 (exempting certain claims against the City and County of San Francisco, and the existing indebtedness of the City of Vallejo for the construction of its water works from the provisions of the Constitution requiring such claims to be paid from the income and reven