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AMUSEMENTS Columbia-"The Idol's Eye." California-"Why Smith Left Home." Alcazar-"Pasodoble Valley."

AUCTION SALES. By Frank W. Butterfield-This day, at 11 o'clock, Furniture at Post Street, near Mission.

SUSTAIN THE SCHOOL BOARD.

FROM the way in which the new Board of Education has begun the work of retrenchment and reform good auguries can be drawn for the future.

It was inevitable that this opposition and antagonism should confront the board in its efforts at reform. There is no kind of abuse of public trust that does not benefit somebody.

When a reforming administration comes in and sets about reducing expenses to an economical basis all the crowd that have drawn incomes from the abuses find themselves shut out from their former profitable business.

When such attacks are made upon officials who are honestly trying to protect the public interests it is the duty of all good citizens to stand by them and to speak out in their behalf.

The Republican party of San Francisco has a just reason to be proud of the record which its representatives on the Board of Education are making.

After Judge Hebbard had denied divorce to a young wife the mother of the plaintiff sought out her son-in-law and smashed him on the jaw.

While the human race is not lacking in sympathy, it has difficulty in mustering up any of it for a man who answers the advertisement of a marriage bureau and gets put on exhibition as a sucker.

There is beginning to be a suspicion that Dan overtraded a little for his contest, and with the handicap of his record he is not making much progress.

Perhaps Tom Williams is at Sacramento for the purpose of promoting legislation for the discouragement of horse-racing.

If Gomez has really demanded \$60,000,000, his chances of not getting it are good enough to bet on.

Wright's vote as a member will be exactly as valuable as it was as Speaker.

REPUBLICANS SHOULD REFLECT.

THE CALL is battling for the integrity and the future of Republicanism in California.

It is not a far cry backward to the beginning of the last campaign, nor forward to the opening of the next. Looking backward, every man in the party recalls the fear of defeat that hung over the opening days of the last fight.

We here record our deep and lasting protest against the claim that the party owed its success to the designs and devices of any boss or bosses.

When bad faith, corruption and immorality appeared at Sacramento, regardless of the effect upon itself this paper took means to purge the party of evil, and those means have prevailed, against more opposition than we like to see.

Do Wright and his defenders represent California Republicanism? If so, God help the party, for man would, and it can depend only on that divine mercy which is extended to sinners.

In the Legislature a few men fret and fume and call names and utter strange cries about us. They forget that they are in a representative position, that they are not there to feed their greeds or grudges or use a position of public authority to carry out their personal aims.

We would have much preferred to have been spared the doing of what has been necessary to expose and punish the chief betrayer of his public trust. It is the first case in American politics where a party newspaper has been instrumental in elevating a man to a legislative Speakership, believing in his honor, and in a fortnight has been instrumental in deposing him from his office upon knowledge of his dishonor.

We plead again with this Republican Legislature to obey its highest sense of duty, and to all officers chosen by the party to stand for the best service and with the best aspirations of the people, and the favor of California will not cease nor its shining face be averted from the party of Lincoln and McKinley.

THE STATE NOT RESIGNED.

THE resignation of the Speakership by Howard E. Wright will not be followed by the resignation of the people. They will believe that the proceeding was a trick of Dan Burns, and they will be quite correct.

The report was as guarded as the finding of a court, which usually expresses just enough to sustain the decision, but often implies a great deal more. In the present instance, the implications were damning to Dan Burns, and the situation for him was decidedly embarrassing.

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possibly deeper investigation. But it will not adorn the shirt of Nessus with the toga of a Senator. The people are not resigned. The candidates who have clean skins and decent friends have not surrendered.

In the bright light of the Union California observes and waits. To Burns and Grant she exclaims, "A plague on both your houses." Of the Legislature, with kindling eyes and in ominous tones, she reiterates her demand for a Republican, a statesman and a gentleman.

A RECORD OF BRIBERY.

IN the case of Ball vs. Putnam et al., appealed from the Yolo County Superior Court over a year ago, the Supreme Court the other day handed down a decision which possesses more than ordinary interest at the present time.

In 1889 the people of Willows, Colusa County, conceived the idea that they could attain to the dignity of a metropolis by dividing their county and creating the county of Glenn. A bill was introduced into the Legislature with that end in view, and subscriptions were taken up at Willows for the purpose of paying what was denominated the "legitimate expense" of passing the measure.

On arriving at Sacramento Ball found that one Christopher A. Buckley had control of the Legislature, and after various negotiations he agreed to pay that famous manipulator \$15,000 if he would interest himself in the bill and it passed both branches of the Legislature.

The additional money was raised by negotiating a promissory note signed by J. E. Putnam, K. E. Kelley, F. G. Crawford, August Henning, W. H. Kelley and Joseph Muller, all of whom were residents of Willows and interested in the passage of the division bill.

This action was tried in the Superior Court of Yolo County, whence it had been transferred by stipulation, and in which Ball obtained judgment for the full amount. In his testimony at the trial Judge Ball explained the financial part of the transaction as follows:

My memorandum shows that I got at the California State Bank on March 7, \$14,500, which was paid over the counter and put in carpet sacks. Our draft for \$6000 was drawn there in the bank and handed to the bank before the money was paid out.

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This testimony is contained in the transcript on appeal, and when the Supreme Court came to consider the case it of course perused it. The judgment of the Yolo County Superior Court was reversed on a technicality, but the Supreme Court took occasion to say that the contract upon which the promissory note to Ball was made was evidently against public policy, good morals, or the express mandate of the law, and as such that it could not be made the basis of any action, legal or equitable; moreover, the court added that neither silence nor the consent of the parties justified the court in retaining jurisdiction of such an action.

Probably this reversal will settle the litigation forever, but the case is interesting at this time because it throws a side light upon the way in which some legislation is procured at Sacramento. Here an entire community conspired to corrupt a Legislature, and in doing it their authorized committee openly and in the presence of a large number of persons paid \$15,000 to a political boss for his influence in passing a bill. The interesting question is, how much did Buckley pay the Senators and Assemblymen for their votes? Another interesting question is how often has this process been repeated, and is it being repeated at Sacramento at the present time?

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The Senate has elected about two score clerks since the passage of the Cutter bill, which is probably at least four times more than needed.

HEALTH BOARD MAKES MANY REDUCTIONS.

Salaries and Expenses Curtailed.

HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS SAVED

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT IMPAIRED.

Nine Employees Dismissed From the Service and Sweeping Reductions Made Wherever Possible.

The Board of Health has followed the example of the Board of Education and has revolutionized the department over which it presides. At a special meeting yesterday five food inspectors were dismissed, together with the cigar factory inspector, bath and laundry inspector, assistant vaccinating officer and assistant to the bacteriologist.

This, with the reduction of the allowances for incidental expenses of the attaches of the department and reduction in wages of others, will result in a saving of \$35 per month. Without reducing the salaries of the officers who conserve the health of the city it will permit of the present board retiring from office without the deficit which has invariably marked each change of administration.

In accordance with instructions issued at the last meeting of the board directing the Finance Committee to take steps necessary to reduce the deficit at present existing in the funds of the department, the committee herewith submits for your approval the following proposition:

First—Reduction in transportation account. Chief food inspector, \$100 per month, allowed \$65, should be reduced to \$25; Chief Plumbing Inspector Sullivan, allowed \$30, should be reduced to \$15; Chief Market Inspector Ben Davis, allowed \$30, should be reduced to \$15; Veterinary Surgeon L. W. O'Rourke, \$100 per month, should be reduced to \$50 per month; Police Officer Butterworth, reduced from \$50 to \$25.

Second—Reduction in number of assistant food inspectors: Five inspectors, each receiving a salary of \$75 per month, should be dropped from the pay roll of the department.

Third—The following reductions in salaries of employees at the Emergency Hospital: Two drivers, each receiving \$75 per month, should be reduced to \$60; two matrons, each receiving \$60 per month, should be reduced to \$50. This will effect a saving of \$60 per month in the Emergency Hospital.

Fourth—The salary of Veterinary Surgeon L. W. O'Rourke should be reduced from \$100 to \$50 per month.

Fifth—The salary of Bacteriologist Dr. John Spencer should be reduced from \$150 to \$100 per month.

Sixth—The position of assistant vaccinating officer should be abolished, amount saved \$100 per month.

Seventh—The position of bath and laundry inspector, salary \$75, be abolished.

Eighth—The salaries of two assistant plumbing inspectors, receiving \$100 per month, be reduced to \$75.

Ninth—The salaries of the two inspectors of cigar transportation, at \$100, be reduced to \$75.

Tenth—The position of assistant to the bacteriologist, salary \$85 per month, be abolished.

The report was accepted, and in keeping with its recommendations the following men were dismissed from the department: Food Inspectors W. Brennan, H. O'Donnell, W. McHugh, P. A. Cadogan, J. J. Cigar Factory Inspector R. B. Porter, Bath and Laundry Inspector P. Lydon, Assistant Vaccinating Officer Dr. Phipps.

Assistant to Bacteriologist Andre Desoulayre. The appointments were announced—Cabal was made garbage inspector, vice Frank Corbett, resigned; John Thomas was appointed garbage inspector, vice Desoulayre. The following were appointed: Salaries were fixed at \$75 per month.

The bill of C. H. Taylor, a special nurse at the Pesthouse, for \$150 salary and \$35 clothes destroyed, was allowed. It was determined that hereafter no allowance will be made for clothes destroyed.

Changes in the department take effect to-day.

Answers to Correspondents. THE OLD HOMESTEAD—Subscriber, Victoria, B. C. Denman Thompson appeared in the "Old Homestead" in San Francisco.

IN THICK FOG THE NOVO RAN AT FULL SPEED

Her Captain Suspended for One Year.

HE HAD NO DEVIATION CARD

NEGLECTED TO CAST THE LEAD OR TO VERIFY COMPASS.

Although Warned That the Surf Could Be Heard Ahead He Nevertheless Drove Upon the Reef.

Captain William F. Daniels, late of the coasting steamer Noyo, will for the next year to come take his bearings and lay out his course on dry land, and the briny deep will know him no more save as a passenger or a swimmer.

United States Local Inspectors Bolles and Bulger yesterday published their findings accusing him of being responsible for the wreck of the Noyo by reason of gross negligence.

The steamer, with twenty-seven passengers and a cargo of lumber, went ashore on January 17 on Duxbury Reef, about nine miles from the northwest entrance of San Francisco Bay. She was damaged to the extent of \$4000 and the passengers and crew were saved in the lifeboats and were transferred to the steamer Henrietta.

Just before the Noyo was run upon the reef the report states that she was running at full speed in a thick fog and her whistles were sounding at regular intervals. At 4 o'clock in the morning the second mate informed the chief mate that he heard the roaring of the surf. The chief mate called up the captain and the captain said the mate must be mistaken, that they could not be that close to the shore according to the course they were steering.

In spite of the doubt the captain allowed the Noyo to go ahead at full speed through the fog, nor did he change her course, or take soundings. At 4:50 a. m. the steamer ran upon the reef and was saved from sinking only by the buoyancy of the lumber with which she was loaded.

Captain Daniels was convicted on his own testimony principally. He swore that there was no deviation card on board the Noyo and that he had never "swung" the vessel to get the deviation of the compass. On the previous trip he had ascertained the deviation on south by east, south-southeast and southeast-by-south courses, but he did not see sure that they were correct as there was quite a swell on at the time. He had never got the deviation by courses east of southeast by south.

The report goes on to say that the inspectors are of the opinion that Captain Daniels was negligent and unskillful in navigating the steamer.

First—In leaving the deck in charge of the second mate when so near the land in a fog, especially as he did not know the deviation of the compass on the course steered after passing Point Reyes.

Second—In running at full speed in the fog.

Third—In not taking soundings when he came on deck at 4 o'clock.

The report goes on to say that had he taken a cast of the lead at that time he would have seen that the steamer was near the land and he would have averted the disaster.

His license as master was therefore suspended for one year.

The sentence would have been much more severe had it not been for the admirable manner in which the captain acted in getting the passengers and crew into lifeboats and saving them from further accident.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS. J. C. Skiff of St. Louis is at the Grand. J. E. Ward and wife of Modesto are at the Occidental.

Attorney O. J. Woodward of Fresno is registered at the Lick. H. B. Shackelford and wife of Red Bluff are at the Grand.

Morton B. Howell Jr. of Nashville, Tenn., is at the Palace. James Douglas, a miner from Virginia City, is a guest at the Lick.

Superior Judge Erskine Ross and wife of Los Angeles are guests at the Palace. W. T. Lewis and wife of Racine, Wis., are registered at the Occidental. Mr. Lewis is a large wagon manufacturer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules C. Weiss of New York are at the Palace. Mr. Weiss is a large cloth manufacturer. He and his wife are here for pleasure.

SPRING VALLEY SUBMITS ITS STATEMENT

Shows Loss on Year's Business.

TELLS OF EXTRA EXPENSES

A LARGE SUM FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Spent on Construction of New Pipe Lines and Pumping Plants at Milpitas and Crystal Springs.

Spring Valley Water Works rendered its annual statement of receipts and expenditures with the Supervisors yesterday as required by law. The report is an immense bound volume, and contains the name of every household in the city who has paid for water during the past year.

The report shows that after paying \$766,530 in dividends the disbursements exceed the receipts by \$58,800.44, which amount appears in the statement as a loss. The figures as given are:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like 'From water rents of private consumers', 'Paid on account of new construction and permanent improvements'.

SPRING VALLEY WATER WORKS. To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco: Gentlemen: Herewith is presented to your honorable Fourth Session the extra annual expenditure for permanent improvements—the total sum amounting to \$1,174,973.24.

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Special information supplied daily to business houses and public men by the Press Clipping Bureau (Allen's), 510 Montgomery street, Telephone Main 1042.

Restaurant Men Indicted. The United States Grand Jury yesterday indicted G. Fouchau and Louis Schlatter, proprietors of the St. Germain restaurant, for not stamping bottles of wine served to patrons at meals.

"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" Has been used for thirty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, cures Wind Colic, regulates the bowels and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. For sale by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. 25c a bottle.

HOTEL DEL CORONADO—Take advantage of the round-trip tickets. Now only \$69 by steamship, including fifteen days' board at hotel; longer stay \$25 per day. Apply at 4 New Montgomery street, San Francisco.

ACKER'S ENGLISH REMEDY IS BEYOND QUESTION the greatest of all modern remedies. It will cure a cough or cold immediately or money back. At Owl Drug Co.

Look out for 63 4th st., grocery store. Best eyeglasses, specs, 15c to 40c. Open 9 to 5.

In the Divorce Courts. Emma Esterberg has sued Gustav Esterberg for a divorce on the ground of adultery. Arthur Scheles asks for a divorce from Adele Scholes on the ground of infidelity.

ADVERTISEMENTS. CLOSES FEB. 4. ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

AT GUMP'S ART STORE. 20% Discount on every article. 113 Geary Street.

Use Woodbury's Facial Soap. The complexion speedily and permanently cleared of blotches, live spots, moles, freckles and the skin rendered soft, smooth and white by JOHN H. WOODBURY'S. 224 st., New York, and 18 State st., Chicago. Send 10 cents for Beauty Book, and receive sample each of Soap and Cream, free.