SUPERVISORS READY TO BETRAY THE CITY

Will Submit to the Outrageous Demands of the Railroad.

Market-Street Company's Franchises to Be Passed to Print—The Betrayal Vigorously Denounced.

The people of this city will witness to-morrow a unique spectacle. They will see themselves betrayed, as they have been many times before, and their rights grossly violated by the Board of Supervisors, but the outrage will be perpetrated with a full knowledge of its meaning and in the face of public indignation. Supervisors have been bribed before, but the people of the city have generally learned of the commission of the crime only after the offense became local history. Municipal officials have been guilty of gross offenses, but the facts have become public property only when the time for redress had passed and condemnation was little more than an idle formality.

But to-morrow a majority of the Board of Supervisors intend to commit an almost unparalleled outrage upon the city, and they know, with shameful knowledge, that the people of San Francisco are perfectly aware of what is to be done and why. The combination which rules the Board of Supervisors intends to-morrow to indorse the recommendations of the Street Committee in reference to the franchises asked by the Market Street Company and to give to the corporation the enormously valuable privileges which have been demanded and which should not be granted. The Supervisors understand thoroughly that their action will be a betrayal of the city to the corrupt demands of the agents of C. P. Huntington. The Supervisorial combination, which will close the deal to-morrow, knows that the city will be robbed of enormous revenues by seven official votes, and that municipal authority will be given to indorse a public outrage.

Members of the clique are aware that the Market Street Company, with the votes of seven Supervisors, intends to cheat the city, rob the treasury of hundreds of thousands of dollars, defeat the operation of the charter in some of its most essential features and destroy a competition that could not be otherwise than beneficial to San Francisco. The Supervisors know these facts and so do the public. Nevertheless a majority of the Board of Supervisors intends to-morrow to give the Market Street Company all it asks. The people of the city certainly have a right to ask why.

The Street Committee of the Board of Supervisors has already acted favorably upon the petition of the Market Street Company for certain franchises which, if granted, will remain for fifty years as a stain upon the record of public officers. The character and the purpose of these franchises have already been discussed. That they should be granted seems an outrage nothing less than a crime, but the combination in the Board of Supervisors has bowed to the blandishments of Herrin and intends to pass the recommendations of the Street Committee to print to-morrow.

The majority members of the board have assumed an attitude of desperate unconcern. They know the iniquity of the action which they will take to-morrow. They are perfectly aware that the sentiment of decent citizens is against them, but they are impervious to the shafts of criticism and refuse even to discuss their own prospective action. They believe that their term of official life, because of the charter, will expire with the year and they are determined to make the most of it.

So eager are they to obey the commands of the Market Street Company that they are planning how to circumvent any effort which may be made to prevent the outrage that they intend to inflict upon the city. They fear that some member of the board who is not a party to their plot, and who in decency to his constituents will vote against the petitioned franchises, will change his vote and ask for a reconsideration. If this is done the majority will simply decide to adjourn to another hour of the same day or to an early hour of the next day. This will permit the schemers to carry their plan into execution without delay, as time is now a vital factor to the Market Street Company. No franchise may be granted within six months of the end of the present official term and the beginning of the charter regime. The Market Street Company cannot afford, therefore, to wait very long.

The majority members of the Board of Supervisors have been correctly informed in reference to the policy of the minority. When the unjust franchises are passed to print a motion will be made for a reconsideration, but it will be made to the "next regular meeting" and not to the "next meeting." If the reference were made to the next meeting the majority could meet when it pleased and complete its work. If the reference be to the next regular meeting the champions of honesty in public office will gain at least a week in which to secure for their cause the pressure of public opinion.

Only such an influence, it is expected, will have any weight. Representative citizens, aware of the outrage which is about to be perpetrated on the city, have already begun the campaign. They have met in various parts of the city in mass meeting to condemn the outrageous demands of the Market Street Company and to denounce the prospective action of the Supervisors. The city knows what has been planned as a betrayal of its rights, and the people intend to give free expression to their opinions of the men who have been persuaded, by whatever means they care to suggest, to sacrifice their own honor and the city's privileges. A meeting of indignation was held last night by the Federation of Mission Improvement Clubs, and no pains were spared to inform the derelict Supervisors that the motive of their policy is thoroughly understood. Another meeting will be held to-morrow night and committees will wait personally upon the Supervisors to ask them for an explanation of their intended action. Everything possible will be done to avert the outrage and the infliction of new indignities by a corporation which has hitherto defied every effort to induce it to be decent.

DENOUNCE SUPERVISORS.

Indignant Missionites Say Caustic Things and Hint at the Hemp Remedy.

The Federation of Mission Improvement Clubs held a rousing indignation meeting last night in the hall of the Fairmount Improvement Club on Chenery street, and assumed a position of decided opposition to the action of the Street Committee of the Board of Supervisors in reporting favorably on the proposition to grant the Southern Pacific Railroad Company franchises which are said to be worth in the neighborhood of $10,000,000.

Burning with indignation because the Street Committee absolutely refused to allow them to explain the vast injury the granting of these franchises would work to the residents of the Mission district, particularly the much sought franchise to lay a double track railroad through the Mission district to the southerly line of the county, the members of the different clubs assembled to vent their wrath on the members of the board who have arrayed themselves against the people.

The speakers handled the lash unmercifully, and every Supervisor who voted in favor of granting the franchises was the recipient of a scorching denunciation. Several of the members of the federation went so far as openly to declare their willingness to present themselves at the meeting of the board to-morrow afternoon armed with a coil of hemp. This rash declaration on the part of some of the members brought forth round after round of hearty applause. When the excitement had reached its highest pitch Bernard Joost arose and, with a tremor of pent-up rage in his voice, said:

"Gentlemen, if the members of this federation desire to lynch these shameless wretches the Joost Hardware Company will furnish you the rope free of charge and be delighted to do it."

Mr. Joost's considerate offer brought P. Harrington, one of the prominent members of the Potrero Improvement Club, to his feet, and that gentleman delivered an oration condemning both the Supervisors and the Southern Pacific Company that literally burned with caustic criticisms. Mr. Harrington has been interested in the expansion and prosperity of the municipality for years back, and he is exceptionally well informed on all matters relating to the granting of franchises. He went over the whole ground thoroughly, going back to the time when the Southern Pacific Company was granted by the State 120 acres of land at Third and Townsend streets, which it was supposed to use as a terminal for its road. That was thirty years ago, and at that time the railroad company practically agreed to enter the city along the bay shore route and abandon the present route through the densely populated Mission district.

"When the railroad company was given these valuable lands," declared Mr. Harrington, "they agreed to abandon the present method of entering the city, but they have never attempted to utilize the franchise which they have on the bay shore route. The Mission district is perhaps the most thickly settled portion of our city, and we are certainly entitled to at least a hearing before the Supervisors on this matter. These trains which run through our streets, menacing the lives of our families, have been operating long enough. The people of the Mission district have always harbored a steadfast opposition to the granting of a franchise which would make it possible for the Southern Pacific to lay double tracks, and they are opposed to it now more than ever. These shameless Supervisors should be tarred and feathered and then strung up. They have undertaken a thieving job that will be somewhat of a tax on their nerves before they get it through. The people are becoming tired of being hoodwinked year after year by dishonest Supervisors, and I think the time has come when they are willing to use violent measures if necessary to preserve their rights, as did the citizens of Chicago when the Aldermen of that city attempted to put through the Yerkes deal.

"The Southern Pacific people are trying to freeze out the San Mateo line," continued the speaker, "and if we stand by our guns they cannot do it. I was out to Cassidy's quarry the other day, and on looking over the ridge I saw a roadbed ready for the rails. It was the Mission street road, and it was built there by this grasping monopoly simply to freeze out the San Mateo road, which has done much to build up this district out here. There is scarcely a foot of land from the bay shore to the Seal Rocks that does not belong to the railroad company or the Crockers. And now they want to saddle another burden upon the people out here, and they exepect to do it through the medium of dishonest Supervisors. This outrage calls for a united opposition on the part of the people of the Mission."

After Harrington finished he was accorded a rousing reception. T. V. Slevin, Gust Schnee, George Center, August Lillie, W. J. Cuthbertson and Chairman Stader addressed the meeting and denounced the proposed action of the Supervisors. T. B. Slevin, A. S. Lillie, W. J. Cuthbertson, G. Schnee and C. Stader were delegated to visit the homes of the Supervisors who have arrayed themselves with the corporation and invite them to be present to-morrow afternoon at Mangels Hall, corner Twenty-fourth and Potrero avenue, where another indignation meeting will be held. In inviting the Supervisors the committee have been instructed to state to them that the reason they have been specially requested to attend is to give them an opportunity to acknowledge the influence which induces them to betray the people. It is not expected that the members of the committee will find many of the Supervisors at home when they call this morning. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Southern Pacific Company is anxious to lay a double track railroad from Third and Townsend streets through the Mission districts to the southerly line of the county of San Francisco, and the petition of said Southern Pacific has been favorably reported by the Street Committee of the Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, The residents of the Mission districts of the city and county of San Francisco realize that the present route of said railroad has been mainly instrumental in causing a depreciation in property values, and the passage to and fro of trains, with the smoke, whistles and noise, have caused an insufferable nuisance to the adjoining property owners, shaking the foundations of their homes and compelling their sick to be removed from the sounds of the unearthly shrieks of the engine whistle and the rattling of the wheels over the rails, which also cause general discomfort; and

Whereas, It is the general belief that a double track will result in the doubling of the dangers, abuses, annoyances, and will further depreciate our interests; and

Whereas, The increased speed with which the Southern Pacific proposes to operate its trains will greatly increase the danger to life and property; and

Whereas, The said Southern Pacific Company was given permission by a franchise granted in 1871 to operate a railroad upon the east bay shore of San Francisco, which it has failed to do; and

Whereas, The permission asked by the Southern Pacific Company to lay a double track is simply a subterfuge under which the said company is seeking a franchise which it is our belief they do not possess, it having been ascertained that the said railroad company was never granted the privilege of operating its trains across the sidewalks of public streets in the Mission district; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Federation of Mission Improvement Clubs, representing one-third of the area of San Francisco and 33 per cent of the residents, do hereby earnestly protest against the granting of a franchise or permission to the said Southern Pacific Company to lay a double track railroad through and in the midst of the thickly settled portion of the city to our great annoyance and to the danger of our lives and to the detriment and injury of our property.

Resolved, further, That the Federation of Mission Improvement Clubs hereby urge the Board of Supervisors to order the Southern Pacific Company to remove their rails from the present route of said railroad and operate the same upon the bay shore according to oft-repeated promises to the people of the Mission.

Resolved, further, That the attention of the Board of Supervisors be called to the present violation of a city ordinance by the Southern Pacific Company in operating its trains over the sidewalks of public streets therein, and we urge the removal of said tracks and the cessation of said offense.

Resolved, further, That a committee of ten be appointed to wait on the Board of Supervisors on Monday afternoon, May 29, 1899, to present these resolutions and urge that the petition of the Southern Pacific Company be promptly refused.

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished each of the daily papers.

In compliance with the provisions of the resolution a committee of ten was appointed to wait upon the Mayor and Board of Supervisors at their meeting Monday and urge the rejection of the Southern Pacific Company petition. It was unanimously decided to forward the following petition to the board, as drafted and presented by Gust Schnee:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors—Gentlemen: The Federation of the Mission Improvement Clubs, representing twelve improvement clubs in the city and county of San Francisco, and who own fully one-third of the property in the city and county, respectfully requests your honorable body to defer action on the matter of granting franchises to the Southern Pacific Company and to re-refer the entire matter to the Street Committee of your board so that the people of the Mission, who are the most interested parties to the transaction, and whom the Federation represents, may have an opportunity to appear before your board and explain in detail the vast injury the granting of these franchises would work.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1017-1023 Mission.

THE DEVIL IN CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO

Thrives in Both Cities. Says Dr. Henson.

TOLD IT TO THE BAPTISTS

CONVENTION DISCUSSES SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

A Morning Session, an Afternoon of Pleasure and an Evening Reception at Emanuel Church.

Rev. P. S. Henson, the Chicago divine, noted alike for his quick wit, keen judgment and broad intelligence, is positive that there is a devil. Dr. Henson has arrived at that conclusion after a residence in Chicago and a two days' stay in this city, and imparted his knowledge on the subject of his Satanic Majesty to the American Baptist Publication Society at its morning session yesterday.

The reverend gentleman took occasion to bring out this information in the course of his able address on "Financial and Theological Correlations." Besides advancing his theory and conclusion Mr. Henson said;

I don't think it is a sin to be rich, but I do think it is a sin for a man not to be rich if he has had an opportunity. I don't believe that Lazarus went to heaven because he was poor, but because he was pious. We Baptists have a great many rich men with us, and I wish we had more, because we have greater opportunities to use money than ever before.

We have been crying for "open door," open ports and the razing of walls which closed us out. The Lord has seen fit to open the doors, the ports and let us press through the breach in the walls and press and rush over the land as Joshua's men did when the walls of Jericho fell. I don't know much about the flag being flown wherever it is flung out, but where the banner of Christ is flung out there it should stay forever.

Everything is hopeful now. The farmers are paying their mortgages and getting good prices. Financial affairs have taken a new heart, but what is the matter with our missionary treasury? I'll tell you. There is no system, and that is what we must have.

And oh, these moderns with their "advanced" ideas and easy methods of disposing of all vital questions! Hear them say:

"Man is not so much a sinner as he is unfortunate. Let him alone. It is heredity. He is going through an evolution. He does not deserve a hell, but a hospital. Give a man a chance to save himself, to work his passage to heaven. If it's anywhere it is here. As for hell! Hell is nowhere."

But for all that there is a hell and a devil. I know it. I have lived in Chicago. Yes, and I have met him here in San Francisco during my brief sojourn.

The important business feature of the morning was the report of the commission on "Systematic Beneficence," which was laid before the convention by Rev. Dr. T. J. Morgan, the acting secretary.

The report showed that the sum of $319 25 had been received during the year, and $315 94 had been expended for carrying on the work of the commission. The object of the commission is to introduce into the churches an orderly plan of giving. The commission was first organized May 23, 1896, to continue three years. As the work has been only partially organized, the commission asked that it be given authority to continue for three years more.

Following the reading of the report there was a brief discussion, participated in by Rev. Mr. Quick of Massachusetts, Rev. Dr. Morehouse of New York and others. Dr. Morehouse offered the following motion, which was adopted:

"That it is the sense of those present representing the societies and the churches that it is desirable that the commission on systematic beneficence be continued for three years more in accordance with the recommendations of the commission, its work to be along the same lines and such other lines as experience may suggest. Further, that this recommendation be reported to the various branches and boards of the church."

The closing address of the session was by Rev. Dr. E. R. Chivers, president of the Baptist Young People's Union. His subject was "An Enlarged and Systematic Beneficence." Mr. Chivers said in part:

Christian giving is at once a duty and a grace. It touches the spiritual life at its very springs. The prayer meeting is the thermometer by which we gauge the warmth and fervor of the church. So beneficence is the gauge by which we determine the zeal with which the work of the church is being carried on.

The receipts from the churches during the last decade have been very much greater than the receipts for any previous decade. We are living in a time of multiplied religious activities. There are consequently greater demands upon us than ever before. The contributions do not keep pace with the increasing demands of the church. On the other hand, we have not developed the resources upon which we might depend.

The first need is a fresh fervor of spiritual life in our churches. We need to lay emphasis on our Christian obligation and stewardship. We need baptized pocketbooks. We need, thirdly, wise methods of receiving and distributing.

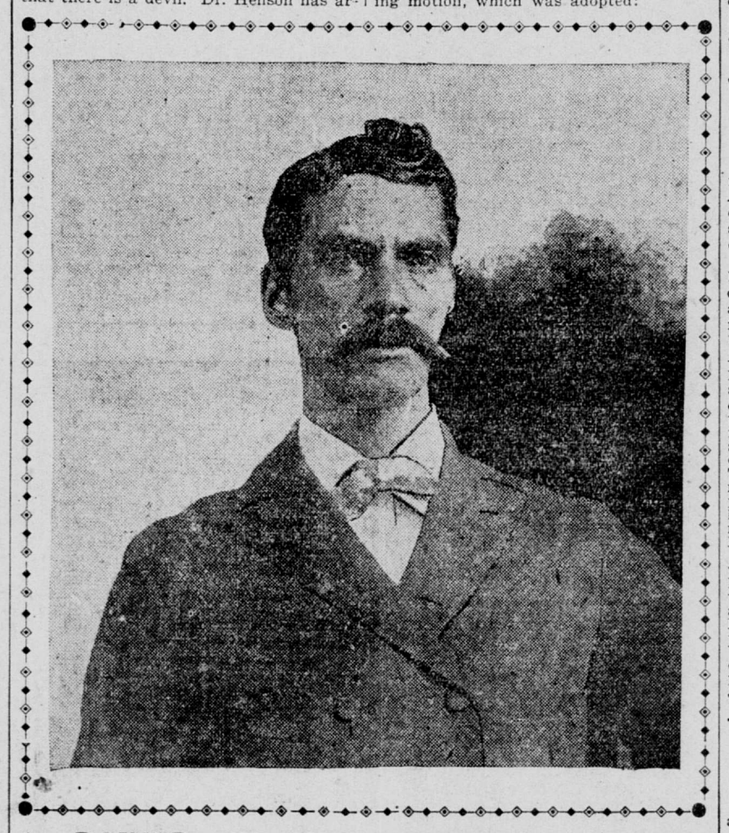
Emmanuel Baptist Church was crowded last night at the reception to the Baptists attending the anniversaries. Pastor J. George Gibson was assisted in receiving the guests by the following reception committee: Mrs. R. W. Moore, Mrs. Edward Kennedy, Mrs. George Keeler, Mrs. H. Snook, Mrs. A. Spalding, Mrs. A. Magee, Mrs. A. T. Show, Mrs. B. G. Corwin, Mrs. M. J. Hills, Mrs. E. Worth, Mrs. S. A. Cox and Mrs. A. B. Clark.

The church and chancel were beautifully decorated by the King's Daughters, under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Underhill, assisted by Miss Lolita Welch, Mrs. M. Young, Miss Ethel Young and Miss Lottie Underhill.

The programme was in two parts, the first being rendered in the Sunday school room. At 9 o'clock the guests adjourned to the church proper upstairs.

Following is the order of exercises:

Selection, orchestra; Ladies' Quartet, Mrs. McClunie, Mrs. Craig, Misses Mabel and Edna Craig; selection, orchestra; barytone solo, the pastor, (a) "Glory to Christ Our King" (Lowing), (b) "Beautiful Isle" (Fearis); selection, orchestra; selection on pipe organ, (a) "Russian March" (Clark), (b) "Offertory" (Reed); barytone solo, Russell Lowry, (a) "Fear Not Ye O Israel" (Beuck), (b) "The Palms" (Faure); organ, "Inflammatus" (Rossini); barytone solo, the pastor, (a) "Shout Forth the Tidings" (Gounod), (b) "The Guiding Star" (Meredith); organist, C. M. T. Parker, organist of Trinity Presbyterian Church.



A POWER IN THE COLORED CHURCH.

REV. SAMUEL W. BACOTE, A.B., D.D., of Kansas City, Mo., who is in the city attending the American Baptist convention, is a graduate of Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., University of Kansas City, Kans., and of Richmond (Va.) Theological Seminary. He is ex-president of the Marion (Ala.) Baptist Institute, and is now pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. It is the largest and finest colored church in the West, having a membership of more than 1500 and seating 2300. This congregation raised in the past four years more money than any colored church in the world for that length of time, the amount being $30,000. Dr. Bacote will fill the pulpit at Bethel A. M. E. Church this morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Anderson, the pastor, extends a cordial invitation to everybody. Seats free.

WILL ROW AND SWIM IN EL CAMPO WATERS

At the last meeting of the regatta committee of the Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union the new rule that each club send three representatives instead of one, as was previously the case, came into operation.

The programme of the regatta to be held at El Campo on June 25 was discussed. There will be senior, intermediate and junior barge races and special prizes for barge and whitehall races among boys belonging to schools in the Academic Athletic League. The whitehalls will be pulled by two boys, each with a pair of sculls, and will carry a cockswain. An event that is expected to excite much interest and keen competition is a cutter race for crews of eight men, with cockswains, from the Naval Reserve, naval or merchant ships of any nationality. There will also be senior and junior outrigged skiff events, a race for canoes propelled by single-bladed paddles and a relay swimming race between teams of ten men each from the Lurline, Olympic and Boat clubs.

Victor Caglieri of the Dolphins returned to the city on Thursday and will resume his place in the intermediate barge crew, which will row both in the intermediate and senior races on regatta day. W. O. Patch will take the bow seat, V. Caglieri will be No. 2, George Baker No. 3 and A. W. Pape stroke. Owing to the number of events to take place in June, the long promised ladies' day will be deferred till July.

THE FAST SWIMMERS WILL BE CONTESTING

The entries for the swimming contests at Sutro Baths on Sunday are:

Fifty-yard dash, novice—B. Berry, R. Bedford, B. Emerick, J. V. Carroll, A. Beyfuss, H. McKenzie.

Hundred-yard dash, juvenile—G. Wallace, W. Hurley, T. Guerin, O. Beyfuss, C. Donovan, W. Connolly.

High diving for boys—C. Jones, G. Cane, W. Hoffman, D. Harris, M. Sullivan, W. Hurley.

Tub race, three prizes—F. Baker, M. Gardiner, C. Augustus, A. Beyfuss, H. Stellfes, E. Beyer, O. Ehrman, W. Yarrow, E. Wells, C. Schwartz, W. Phillips, G. Kane.

Trick and fancy spring-board diving—C. Donovan, G. Wallace, G. Clough, E. Winfield, C. Strohlin, G. Duran, G. Walcott, M. Dibert, J. Sullivan, A. Bagnatori, C. Bacigalupi.

A special 120-yard race for a silver medal between R. Dahl, F. Duran, D. Carroll, E. Bonifield, G. Wallace and C. Donovan will also take place.

Alfred A. Tobin Married.

On Tuesday evening last Alfred A. Tobin was married to Miss Anna Shea at Holy Cross Church. Both groom and bride are well known in this city and the wedding was well attended. The young couple are now at Del Monte, where they will spend their honeymoon.

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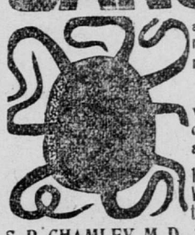

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