

REPORT SHOWS GREAT EXPENSE

Expert Finds More Men Employed in the Fire Department Stable Than Before

Supervisors to Ascertain if It Costs More by Day's Labor

Expert Cyril Williams of the Board of Supervisors yesterday filed a report relative to the complaint of J. G. Smythe of certain irregularities in the Fire Department.

BIDS FOR HORSESHOEING. Parry informed the committee in response to a question that the Fire Commission had invited bids for horseshoeing in order to see if it could be done more cheaply than by the city.

Resolved, That the Board of Fire Commissioners be and they are hereby requested to inform this board in what manner the salaries to be awarded by the advertising for proposals for the award of contracts for the shoeing of all horses in the service and under the control of the Fire Department; and if further action is requested to postpone action on all bids for horseshoeing until the relative merits of the contract for the shoeing of all horses in the Fire Department is investigated by the Finance Committee of this board.

SPUR TRACK PERMIT. Permission was granted to the California Wire Cloth Company to lay a spur track on Harrison street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth, to connect with the Southern Pacific tracks.

Grades were ordered changed on Clinton Park. An ordinance was passed to print accepting a deed from the South San Francisco Dock Company to land required for the opening of Fifth and Tenth avenues south from A street to the water front.

Similar action was taken on the ordinance accepting a deed from the S. Duces Company to land required for the opening of Butler avenue from Peralta avenue to Tommas street, and for the opening of Wall street from Holladay avenue to Butler.

James L. Flood was granted permission to erect three storage tanks of a capacity of 3750 gallons each on the premises at Powell and Market streets for the purpose of storing fuel oil.

Monday, July 25, was set as the time for hearing the appeal of Flinn & Treacy from the assessment for street work in South Park.

A demand for \$15,000 was drawn in favor of Joseph L. Schmitt as final payment on the purchase price of the lot and improvements at the northeast corner of Commercial and Drumm streets for the use of the Harbor Police station.

Bids for Supplies Awarded. At a meeting of the Election Commission last night the following bids were awarded for supplies for the primary election to be held on August 9: Althoff & Bahls, envelopes for returns, \$82 19; Phillips, Smythe & Van Orden, printing poll and tally lists, \$22 41; John Kitchen Jr. Company, printing official ballots, \$173 50; F. Marcus, for furnishing chairs, lamps and curtains, \$2 44 per booth; E. A. Anderson, for erecting, hauling, storing and repairing booths, \$12 90 for each booth. Final action on the purchase of fifty voting machines was deferred until Thursday, July 21.

Dr. M. E. Schord, Dentist—Now located in Grant building, 1665 Market st., cor. 7th.

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BEEF TRUST EMPLOYEES TO STRIKE

Fifty-Thousand Men Will Lay Down Cleavers and Knives in Chicago and Other Packing Centers

WAGE QUESTION IS THE ISSUE

Employers and Unions Fail to Come to Agreement on Terms and General Walk-out Is Ordered for To-Day

CHICAGO, July 11.—A general strike of the employees of all the big packing plants throughout the country was ordered to-night by Michael J. Donnelly, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America. Unless the packing companies offer some sort of a compromise to the demands of the union the 49,600 workmen affected by the order will quit to-morrow at noon.

The strike involves the following companies, which have branches in Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Omaha, St. Paul, Fort Worth and New York City: Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Nelson, Morris & Co., Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, Cudahy Packing Company and the National Packing Company. In Chicago alone these companies employ more than 40,000 men, all of whom will quit work at the same time as at the packing houses outside of Chicago.

For nearly two months we have been carrying on negotiations with the committee of superintendents representing the packers, in order to secure new agreements for our men. The old contracts between the unions and the companies having expired on May 23, since that time we have been working without any agreement and have tried in every way to reach a satisfactory agreement with the packing interests, but they have held out on every proposal we have submitted, refusing to compromise in any way.

FLINT'S LAW PARTNER. Judge J. W. McKinley, chairman of the California delegation in the late Republican National Convention, arrived in the city yesterday on his return trip to Los Angeles, and at once declared himself in favor of Frank P. Flint for United States senator to succeed Thomas R. Bard.

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DISCUSS FIGHT FOR THE TOGA

Judge McKinley Returns and Expresses Preference for Senatorial Candidate

FLINT IS THE MAN

Henry T. Oxnard and George A. Knight Are Rivals for the Favor of President

Four recognized candidates for the honor of representing California in the Senate of the United States are now in the field. Three of the aspirants, Thomas R. Bard, Henry T. Oxnard and Frank P. Flint, hail from the south, and it is general gossip in political camps that the solid support of Southern California delegations will ultimately go to one of the three—the one that develops the greatest strength in the Legislature.

The candidacy of George A. Knight is causing a deal of comment in political circles. Common rumor is to the effect that both Oxnard and Knight stand high in the favor of President Roosevelt, but nobody expects the President to indicate a preference for either. In the Union League Club yesterday the remark was made that George Knight should post himself at once and ascertain how to pronounce the President's name and not fall into the error of coining the first syllable of Roosevelt.

Henry T. Oxnard makes no mistake in pronouncing the President's name. George Hatton, the manager of Mr. Oxnard's Senatorial campaign, is not disturbed in the slightest degree by the reports of cordial friendship existing between the President and Mr. Knight. Mr. Hatton recalls the incident that the President on his memorable visit to California set aside the committee's program and went miles out of the way on his special train to pay a visit to his friend Oxnard at the town of Oxnard.

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Inventory Drive Sale Specials. Note the Bargains in Choice Summer Merchandise Offered Here. Values in Dress Goods and a New Silk. Peau de Carol—a New Silk. 58c. 19c. 19c. 38c. Great Special Sale of Children's Dresses. Variety of New Wash Goods at Small Prices. 78c. \$1.23. 78c. 9c. 39c. 15c. 25c. Enameled Ware. Women's Fancy Goods at Inventory Prices. Pragers. ALWAYS RELIABLE. 1238-1250 MARKET ST. S.F. All the shopping inducements that made this store popular are still here.

KANSAS "MOB" RELIEVES TOWN

Citizens of North Topeka Cut Through Railroad Embankment to Save Property

MAKE COURSE FOR FLOOD

Ditch Is Made to Enable Water to Escape to River Without Injuring City

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CHINESE TALK ON POLITICS

Difference Between Ballot Marking and Dotting a Lottery Ticket Is Shown

MEETING IS STILL ON

Will Probably Last as Long as Celestial Plays That Have No Concluding Act

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GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST MINER

Member of Union Arrested in Connection With Explosion at Independence

SAID TO HAVE BOASTED

Prisoner Protests His Innocence and Claims That He Can Prove an Alibi

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BOLT FROM SKY TAKES A LIFE

Lightning Kills a Man at St. Louis and a High Wind Brings Injuries to Others

HOUSES ARE UNROOFED

Heavy Storm Does Great Damage to Property and Shipping in Fair City

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