# PUBLIC PRINTING.

## The Amusing Jugglery Practiced in Letting It.

### Supervisor Bingham to Be Protected by the City While Enforcing His China-town Ordinance.

The disposition of the public printing is putting the Board of Supervisors to a great deal of extra trouble, as usual.

On Monday night, after the bids were opened and it was seen that they were all alike, a resolution declaring the paper that now does the public printing the lowest bidder and awarding it the contract was hurriedly rushed through and met with no opposition except from Supervisor Ellert, who, before the vote was announced, changed his vote to the majority and gave notice that on next Monday night he would move to reconsider. This, according to the rules of the board, stopped the resolution until after the reconsideration was disposed of.

Yesterday it was suddenly discovered, by whom no one knows, that there was a fatal defect in the resolution. It simply set forth that the paper in question had agreed to publish, free of charge, all advertisements requiring one, three and five insertions, stated that it was the lowest bidder, and then declared it the official paper for the ensuing two years.

AN OVERSIGHT.

No exceptions or conditions were contained in the resolution, and the consequence would have been, had it passed finally, that the paper accepting the contract would have been barred by law from charging anything on any kind of public printing whatever.

One of the proprietors of the City Hall circular has been very active for a month or two past in his efforts to secure the public printing. He has always been a familiar object at the meetings of the board and its committees, so much so, in fact, that he is now jocularly dubbed the thirteenth member of the board. But as the time for hearing the bids approached he seemed to grow nervous, and wore an anxious look on his face. His many acquaintances chafed him by saying that since a Republican board had been elected he and his paper would be thrown "into the soup."

"Oh, you be hanged," he always replied with assumed confidence; "the present board has the letting of that work for the next two years, and I own them body and soul, every one of them. I'll get the public printing, don't you be alarmed."

SAM RAINEY TAKES A HAND.

That the thirteenth member's confidence was assumed was more than ever apparent on Monday. He was flying around the apartments of the board like a headless rooster. To strengthen his quaking confidence and tighten the "pull" on the members of the board he had taken Sam Rainey up to the hall with him.

During the afternoon the Street Committee was in session to finish up uncompleted business. The thirteenth member shambled into the meeting, whispered in Chairman Bingham's ear and then retired. A moment later Bingham followed him, where in the waiting-room he was buttonholed by Rainey, taken into the private telephone-room and given his instructions.

Bingham had not been long in his chair till the aldermanic figure of the thirteenth member became lumbering in again. This time he whispered in Barry's ear and retired. Barry followed, was collared by Rainey and hustled into the private room, where the mysterious "pull" was getting in its mighty work.

A third time, a fourth time, a fifth time the same bit of deft jugglery was repeated, until all in the committee had been "seen," and then the skirmish was taken up on the outskirts. Every one of the "solid nine" was given his instructions by Rainey before the meeting of the board called that night.

THEY OBEYED THE "BOSS."

The resolution went through all right, as every one knew it would, in spite of the fact that the rejected bids were the same as the one accepted. Had not Supervisor Ellert interposed his notice of reconsideration there would have been no more disturbance probably.

But the possibility of the squabble over the contract dragging into the next year, as it did two years ago, and then having to be settled by a Republican board, filled the thirteenth member with indescribable fear. He did not sleep a wink Monday night, and before the break of dawn yesterday he was floundering around the streets in search of Sam Rainey. Something must be done to defeat Ellert's little obstruction scheme.

It was done. The order was given to call a special meeting of the board, squelch Ellert's motion to reconsider and pass the resolution to print.

During the hurry and flurry over the matter some one discovered the above-mentioned defect in the resolution. It was called to the attention of the thirteenth member. He was already excited nearly to the pitch of apoplexy, and this discovery added to his wrath.

A LITTLE JOKER.

To show their good faith, and that the faulty resolution was an oversight, the Chairman of the Printing Committee at once had the following little joker inserted:

> In consideration of the performance of the above work the parties shall have the right to charge and collect their usual rates from the parties interested or affected for all resolutions and orders conferring special privileges, opening and closing streets, publishing official notices, changing established grades or granting franchises, and all resolutions and notices of street work.

It will be in place to explain at this point exactly where the "joker" lies. Bids were called for on advertisements to be published once, three times and five times. On all these the bids read "no charge." Now, as a matter of fact, there is comparatively little city printing that requires one, three or five insertions. The great bulk of public printing is the street advertising, and by the act of the last Legislature the street law, or Vrooman act, was amended so that this character of work requires two and six insertions—on which, according to the newly inserted "joker" in the resolution awarding the contract, the publishers may charge their "usual" rates. Here is where the steal comes in. Very often the publications in street work cost more at "usual rates" than the street work itself.

CARRY OUT THE JOB.

When the matter was called up last night Supervisor Whelan, who seemed to be struggling with an attack of strabismus, demanded of Becker (who introduced the subject in the form of a motion to reconsider) that he explain his reasons for such a motion.

Becker was completely floored. He couldn't answer the question if his life had depended on it, and after blubbering out a few unintelligible sounds he sat down.

Barry came to his rescue. All during his career as a Supervisor Barry has had, and deservedly, the reputation of being the most cool and collected member of the board. His wits are always at command, and this was no exception. He explained to Whelan that a slight defect had been discovered in the other resolution, and the reconsideration was to remedy it.

Wright was opposed to any haste in this matter. He did not see any special reason for rushing it through at once.

The motion was called, however, and all present except Wright and Whelan voted for it. Boyd, Pescia and Ellert were absent.

As the matter now stands, the resolution awarding the city printing contract to the evening paper that now holds it has been passed to print, and will be finally passed next Monday night, unless some unforeseen obstacle is thrown in its way meanwhile.

A FEW INCIDENTALS.

There were one or two other matters on hand that the board took occasion to dispose of, so as not to make the special object of the meeting stand out in such conspicuous relief. One was the following resolution:

> *Resolved*, That the City and County Attorney be and he is hereby required to defend all suits brought against Henry Bingham, arising out of his action as Supervisor in introducing and supporting an order passed by this board providing for the removal of the Chinese from certain limits to a certain other designated portion of the city, or by reason of his action in endeavoring to have the provisions of the said order enforced.

A deal of discussion followed. Wright couldn't see any point to the resolution. Whelan resisted it with all the force he could muster. He said he had a great deal of respect for Mr. Bingham, the author of the ordinance. But he did not think any member of the board had a right to propose absurd and impossible things and then call upon the board to defend him in its execution.

Bush wanted to know what point there was to such a resolution when it was manifestly the place of the City and County Attorney to defend all suits against the Supervisors and the city.

Again Barry had to explain. He said Bingham had been sued individually for causing certain parties to be arrested while aiming to make a test case of the ordinance.

The resolution was carried, Bush and Whelan voting against it.

POINT LOBOS SEWERS.

The only other matter acted upon was the Street Superintendent's communication recommending the subdivision of the Point Lobos district that is to be newly sewered into five districts. The purpose of this move was plain. The entire system will cost a quarter of a million dollars, and if let in one contract will be so large as to practically exclude competition. Mr. Ashworth thought the work should be let in five separate contracts. The resolution to subdivide the district accordingly was carried.

Board adjourned.

# REAL ESTATE.

## In the Auction-Room—Sales Reported—Contracts—Notes.

A catalogue of miscellaneous city property was offered yesterday at auction by Easton, Eldridge & Co., at their sales-room, 638 Market street, with the following result: Lot 32:6x137:6, fronting on Union square, was disposed of, subject to confirmation, for $44,750; residence lots on the northeast corner of Page and Webster streets, ten in number, were disposed of at an average price of $3835 each; the southwest corner of Webster and Page streets for $4750; a Market-street business lot, 142 feet southwest from Reservoir street, for $6750, subject to confirmation; four lots in the Mission, on the northeast corner of Twenty-fourth and Fair Oaks streets, for $8000, and lot 25x105, on the east line of Noe street, 101:6 feet south of Eighteenth, for $1225.

The sale is considered a fair index of the present state of the market. The bidding was spirited, and the prices offered represented the public estimate of the market value of each piece listed for sale.

Parker & Ford report the sale of Block 1151 to a local dealer for $7000, and ten lots south of the park for $1500 each.

McGarvie & Co. sold yesterday ten lots south of the park, near the junction of the Market-street extension and boulevard, for $150 each. These prices will shortly be increased.

Unrecorded building contracts have been entered into as follows:

Guerrero street, near Twenty-seventh—Grading has been commenced for the foundations of a frame dwelling for Mrs. F. Donahue.

Duncan street, between Dolores and Guerrero—Mr. Casey is having built an additional story to his house, the cost of which will be about $2500.

Diamond street, near Twenty-fourth—Five one-story frame. Owner and builder, Robert Bergfeld. Cost $12,500.

Twenty-fourth street, near Diamond—Two one-story frame. Owner and builder, R. Bergfeld. Cost $4500.

Whitney street, off Thirtieth—Two one-story frame. Owner and builder, R. Bergfeld. Cost $4500.

San Jose avenue, near Twenty-ninth—A basement story is being added, to cost about $800.

San Jose avenue, near Twenty-ninth—A $2500 frame dwelling is being erected.

C. E. Mayne of the real estate firm of C. E. Mayne & Co., representing Eastern capitalists, has made application to the Board of Supervisors for a franchise to enable a company to build a street railway through lands south of the park. His firm has recently purchased and bonded 157 blocks in this locality, which are now being improved for the market, but it is not the intention to offer them in subdivisions until the street railroad franchise has been secured and the work completed. Mr. Mayne states that an effort will be made at once to build the grand boulevard.

Such an enterprise is calculated to open up this future residence locality and Mr. Mayne appears to be going about it in a practical manner.

William J. Dingee of Oakland is preparing another catalogue of property for the auction-room, which will be advertised in THE CALL about Friday next. Mr. Dingee's last sale was a complete success.

BUILDERS' CONTRACTS.

Bernard Gallagher to Cahill & Hall, to build on northwest line of Mission street, 91:8 southwest of Main; southwest 45:10x137:6; $5500.

# A FORMIDABLE LIST.

## The Number of People It Takes to Run a Very Great Big Hotel.

The Hotel Gazette and Railway Adverliser of this city is authority for the following figures, showing the number of persons it takes to run a big hotel like the Palace.

In order to give a clear idea of the vast army employed at the Palace, says the Gazette, we give the following table of help:

Office force—Clerks 5, cashiers 7, bell-boys 30, porters 9, elevator-men 13, cloak-room 2, watchmen 8, total 74.

Housekeeper's department — Girls 50, Chinamen (to scrub and clean) 60, total 110.

Steward's department—Cooks and assistants 40, pastry cooks and assistants 9, waiters (American plan) 50, waiters (restaurant) 45, waiters (private service) 16, waiters (nurses' hall) 16, bar and billiard-room 7, grains-room 28, wine-room 3, store-room 4, girl dish-washers 16, silver-cleaners and pantrymen 16, laundry (Chinese) 45, laundry (white girls) 5.

Total in steward's department 300, total in housekeeper's department 110, total in office, etc., 74, total of employes in Palace 484.

The same journal says: The average monthly consumption of provisions at the Palace is as follows: Beef 30,000 pounds, veal 2000 pounds, lamb 5000 pounds, pork 7000 pounds, flour 1000 barrels, sugar 20 barrels.

# POINT LOBOS SEWER.

## Subdivisions of the District Embraced by the Proposed System.

On Monday at an adjourned meeting of the Street Committee of the Board of Supervisors, Street Superintendent Ashworth brought to its attention the impracticability of embracing in one contract the construction of the proposed Point Lobos sewer system, because it is so immense in proportions.

The entire cost will exceed a quarter of a million of dollars, and, if all is included in one contract, few, if any contractors will be able to bid on it. Mr. Ashworth recommended that the district be subdivided into five, and the work let under as many different contracts.

Yesterday the committee called another meeting to consider the question. The wisdom of Mr. Ashworth's suggestion was at once seen, and the subdivision proposed will be recommended. The district that the system will embrace is bounded by D and Lake streets, Twelfth and Thirty-second avenues.

# DASHAWAY ASSOCIATION.

## Disincorporation Resolved Upon at a Recent Meeting.

At a special meeting of the Dashaway Association last Monday evening it was decided to dissolve the corporation, and to deed to the Trustees of the Home for Inebriates all right, title and interest of the association in the institution on condition that said Trustees shall never deed the same to the city nor allow politics to be mixed up with the management. The roll of membership of the association once numbered 4964, but the membership has been steadily decreased since then by death and withdrawals, until a mere handful remains. In 1882 the association obtained permission of the Superior Court to sell the Post-street property for $150,000, and a mortgage for $45,000 was canceled. Since that time there has been constant litigation over this money. After a division of the $73,500 Ashton caused the remainder of the money to be locked up under an injunction. The Inebriates' Home was established by the association as an adjunct in carrying out its temperance plans.

# PERSONAL NOTES.

Judge Bradley of Visalia is registered at the Lick.

Dr. E. Ely of Healdsburg is stopping at the Grand.

F. J. Lincoln, a hotelman of Lathrop, is at the Baldwin.

J. M. McPike, a wine man of St. Helena, is at the Grand.

J. Wiizinskai, a merchant of Virginia City, is at the Baldwin.

G. B. Carr is up from Salinas and stopping at the Palace.

T. C. White, the raisin man, of Fresno, is stopping at the Lick.

John M. Swinford, a vineyardist of Santa Cruz, is at the Grand.

Dr. Stevens is registered at the Occidental from Coronado Beach.

W. F. Knox, the Sacramento railroad contractor, is at the Grand.

Lieutenant W. C. Babcock, U. S. N., is registered at the Palace.

H. M. and H. H. Noel, of Hanford, are registered at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Ira G. Holtz of Sacramento, Superintendent of Schools, is at the Occidental.

H. B. Shackelford, the well-known civil engineer of Red Bluff, is registered at the Grand.

Rev. Joseph Cook of Boston, Mass., is visiting the Pacific Coast, and for the present may be found at the Palace.

Judge John Hunt of Department 5 of the Superior Court has gone to Sacramento. There will be no court in his department until to-morrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Blanchard Chase, prominent society people, have come up from Stage Leaf, in the Napa Valley, and are quartered at the Pleasanton.

### Antonelli Wins His Suit.

Judge Wallace yesterday gave judgment for the defendants in the case of the San Francisco Bridge Company against Antonelli and others. The suit was to recover $1274 said to be due on account of a locomotive and dump carts sold to the defendants.

# OLD SOLDIERS.

## Inspection of Their Home at Yountville.

### General Averill Visits the Institution—Well Pleased With the Result—Improvements Under Way.

Yesterday General W. W. Averill, in his official capacity of Inspector-General of National Homes for disabled volunteer soldiers, paid a visit to the Soldiers' Home at Yountville, accompanied by several of the Directors of that institution, among whom were: Judge J. A. Waymire, Major E. R. Merriman, Major George W. Walts, Colonel H. T. Smith and the Secretary of the board, Colonel A. L. Rockwell. The Commandant, Captain William McCleave, who had been spending a brief furlough with his family in Berkeley, also went up with the party.

The distinguished company reached the home after a delightful three hours' trip, and were there received by Dr. P. J. Aiken, the resident physician, and chief officer in the commandant's absence.

A THOROUGH INSPECTION.

As it was General Averill's purpose to make an exhaustive examination of the institution, its accommodation, management, sanitary condition, etc., very little time was given up to formalities. After brief introductions the party were conducted to the office, where the morning report was called for and, with the statistics for the past quarter, carefully scanned and noted. From the report it was learned that 234 inmates were at present domiciled in the home (an increase of 31 during the week) and that the names on the roll numbered 254. The 20 absentees represent men who are still engaged in harvest work in the vineyards and wineries of the valley. The 31 who rejoined the home during the week also belong to that little band of workers, who now that the harvest is almost over are gradually returning to their comfortable winter quarters at Yountville.

THE HEALTH REPORT.

From the health statistics it was gleaned that only eight deaths occurred during the past twelvemonth, not one of which occurred from acute causes. Six of the deaths were those of men ranging from 70 to 84 years of age, all of whom had been invalids for many years—one had been bed-ridden for seventeen years. The other two deaths were of men of the age of 50, whose decease was hastened by excessive drinking.

After the records had been submitted to close scrutiny, and the Inspector-General had made full note of every fact, the order was given to parade the "extra duty" men, these being the inmates whose general state of health and strength permit of their being put at work, within their ability, around the grounds and buildings.

ON PARADE.

They were summoned to the parade ground by drum beat, and made a feeble attempt to appear soldierly, which, though giving abundant evidence of good intention, only made their lack of strength and steadiness the more painfully apparent.

The men numbered eighty odd, were drawn up in double ranks, which, after the salute, were brought to rear open order. A minute inspection followed, during which the comrades who had dilapidated or soiled uniforms were slyly reprimanded by comparisons between them and their more tidy neighbors. In the little by-play which here became necessary, it often came out that uniforms in use for two, three and even four years were in better condition than others which had not yet been worn a year. This fact being impressed upon the culprit, no other remark was made, but the inspector passed along, leaving him to his own thoughts. One man, whose feeble state was apparent to all, was ordered to his quarters, and, the inspection over, the company was then dismissed.

INSPECTING THE BUILDINGS.

A tour of the grounds and buildings was then made, the old hospital, an annex of the main building, being the first to come under observation. It was conceded by all to be entirely unfit for its purpose, and to be a veritable deathtrap should a fire once get started there. It is matter for general congratulation that the new hospital building, a couple of hundred yards north of the main building, is now nearly completed and will probably be ready for occupancy by the first of next month. The new wing to the main building is also nearing completion, but as it has cut somewhat into the old hospital many of the patients have had to be temporarily distributed among the different company barracks. As soon as the building operations now under way have been completed the sick and infirm will be comfortably provided for, and the rookery which has now to do duty for a hospital will be reconstructed and improved.

IMPROVEMENTS NOTED.

The barracks have been arranged in streets. The fact was instantly noted by General Averill, who inspected the institution once before, in 1888, and was highly commended by him as a great improvement. They were thoroughly examined and found to be as neat as strict attention to cleanliness could make them. The laundry, stores, kitchen and main building were then examined, and, after two hours' hard work, the inspecting officer, Directors and members of the press became Dr. Aiken's guests to lunch. After lunch the party held a conference with the civil engineers employed to lay out a site for a reservoir in the hills back of the home. It was informally decided to construct a circular reservoir, 60 feet in diameter and 10 feet in depth, with a capacity of 200,000 gallons. Two mains of increased size will be put in, instead of the present small one, and, with the work done, the Directors feel that every safeguard in their power will be provided. It is expected that the reservoir will supply sufficient water for all the buildings, with plenty to spare for ornamental fountains and garden cultivation.

THE NEW HOSPITAL.

That matter disposed of, the new hospital was visited. It is a plain-looking, L-shaped structure of one story, though its high-pitched roof and very high basement make it practically a three-story building. Only the main floor is intended for occupancy at present. One wing is intended for the patients' ward, with a reception-room in front and the bath-rooms and closets at the rear. The other wing contains the surgeons' rooms, pharmacy, dining-room, kitchen and attendants' rooms, very conveniently arranged. The attic is a large, airy compartment, of the same dimensions as the main floor, but undivided. It can be used in case of need as a dormitory, but as there is accommodation in the infirmary for forty patients, and there are seldom more than twenty hospital patients, this space is not apt to be put into use for many a long day.

A PLEASED INSPECTOR.

This ended the official inspection, and General Averill was pleased to say of it that he was delighted with the prospects which the home had before it. He saw an immense improvement in the two years that had elapsed since his first visit, and now the general Government is co-operating with the State authorities in contributing funds for the maintenance of the institution, he knew from the ideas which the Directors had advanced during the day that the revenue would be used economically and judiciously. The General accompanied his remarks with many valuable suggestions of his own, which the Directors intend putting into pratical use, and made his visit highly entertaining and instructive by drawing on his store of knowledge derived from long acquaintance with the national and State homes in all parts of the country. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the sanitary regulations, which, considering the poor conveniences which the old buildings contain, show that that particular portion of the management is very carefully attended to by the officers of the home.

The visitors returned to this city at 7 o'clock. This morning General Averill will leave for Santa Monica to inspect the branch home at that point.

# "BIG BEN."

## A Sportsman's Peculiar Story of Alligator Hunting.

Years ago near a place called Enterprise, on a point jutting into Lake Monroe, during all bright days a certain big alligator used to lie basking in the sun. He was well known to the whole neighborhood. The entire coterie of sportsmen at the only hotel used to call him "Big Ben," and proud hunters would talk and even dream of the time when a well-aimed rifle-shot would end his long career. But Big Ben was as cunning as a serpent, and whenever anyone, afoot or afloat, came unpleasantly near he would slide off into the water—which meant "good-bye" for the rest of the day.

One morning one of these sportsmen, paddling up the lake, luckily with his rifle in his canoe, came upon Big Ben so sound asleep that he stole up within range and put a bullet through the aligator's brain. What to do next was a problem. He could not tow the monster all the way to Enterprise with his small canoe. A bright idea struck him. He put his visiting card in the beast's mouth and paddled swiftly back. A number of hunters were at the wharf, and the slayer of Big Ben hastened to inform them with apparent sincerity that while out paddling he had come within easy range of the "gator," who was, no doubt, still lying motionless on the point. A flotilla of boats and canoes, manned by an army with rifles, instantly started for the point. To avoid confusion it was unanimously agreed that all should go down together, and that the entire party, if they were lucky enough to find Big Ben still there, should fire a volley at the word of command. As they approached the point the hearts of all beat quickly, and when, with straining eyes, they saw Big Ben apparently asleep and motionless upon the bank even the coolest could scarcely control his feelings. The boats were silently drawn up within easy shot, and the word was given. Bang, bang! went a score of rifles, and Big Ben, riddled with bullets, lay motionless upon the point. With a cheer of triumph the excited sportsmen leaped ashore, and fastening a rope around the dead alligator speedily towed him to Enterprise. There the original slayer awaited them upon the wharf. When Big Ben was laid upon the shore, opening the animal's mighty jaws he disclosed his visiting card, and thanked them most politely for their kindness in bringing his 'gator home for him.—Clarence B. Moore in November St. Nicholas.

# AMONG THE TOILERS.

## Coast and Steamship Sailors in Controversy Again.

### Brewery Workmen's Bank Account—Shoe-Clerks' Mass-Meeting—Boycotts Off and On—Shipbuilding Booming.

There is more trouble between the Coast Seamen's and the Steamship Sailors' unions. This time the difference between the organizations is over the regulations of the Lumber-handlers' Union. Last Saturday the steam schooner Point Arena, manned by steamship sailors, was discharging lumber, and her crew was discharged for refusing to work overtime for less than 75 cents an hour. The captain of the vessel then engaged a new crew from the Coast Seamen's Union, and hence the present state of unpleasant affairs between the unions.

**Brewery Workmen.**

The Brewery Workmen now have a snug bank account. General Secretary Fuhrman deposited $700 more yesterday, making $9700 to their credit. At a meeting of the drivers last night tour asked for readmission and their request was granted. One was fined $10 for "using vulgar language against the union." The shop delegates made very favorable reports and stated that their work is progressing favorably. During the week additional work has been secured for fourteen members of the union. A letter from President John O'Brien of the Council of Federated Trades at Portland, Oregon, stated that the boycott there against Weinhardt's brewery is progressing well and the leading saloon-keepers are taking Seattle beer in preference to that made by Weinhardt. Secretary Fuhrman will go to San Jose on Sunday to attend the flag dedication of Branch No. 2.

**Cooks and Waiters.**

At a meeting of the Cooks' and Waiters' Protective Union last night the boycott of the blacksmiths against C. A. Doyle's shop was indorsed, and it was decided to raise the boycotts on the following restaurants: Palace, Ellis', Richards', Empire and Mechanics. This action was taken in order to carry out a plan of boycotting two places at a time instead of the wholesale plan, rendering the boycotts less effective. The Order of Elks has promised to employ only union men at its ball at the Pavilion on next Wednesday night. The union will send thirty-five waiters to Oakland for a party to be held there soon.

**Furniture-Workers.**

At a meeting of the International Furniture-workers' Union, No. 15, last night the boycott of the Federated Trades against the Trades and Labor Journal was indorsed. An expelled member was reinstated and fined $10 for the non-payment of dues. The Executive Committee reported that an effort to unionize the Coast Furniture Company was successful and its shop will soon be governed by the organization rules. To-day there will a meeting of the committee of twelve to consider a plan to amalgamate Unions 15 and 25.

**Revocation of a Charter.**

The Musicians' Protective Union has moved into its new quarters at 39 Fourth street. The union favors sending East a delegate to the convention of the American Federation of Labor and is willing to pay its share of the expenses. Secretary Kretlow of the local Federated Trades has received a letter stating that the American Federation has revoked the charter of the Independent Musicians' Union, as the last mentioned body obtained the charter under a misunderstanding of the true state of its standing.

**Wood-Carvers.**

The membership of the wood-carvers' association are now receiving $3 50 a day as the regular standard of wages, which is an increase of 50 cents a day over the former rates. A boycott is about to be declared against certain firms that refuse to recognize union rules. At a meeting of the association last night it was decided to ask the carpenters and joiners, plasterers and mill benchhands to assist in unionizing non-union mills and shops.

**Three More Gone E-st.**

The iron-molders claim to be preparing to strike their late employers, the members of the Manufacturers' Association, an unexpected blow that will settle in their favor the long-standing disagreement. It was reported last night that three more men had left the Union Iron Works and returned to their homes in the East.

**Ship-Building Booming.**

The boiler-makers and ship-builders say that business with them is unusually brisk, and all the members of their league are constantly employed. In fact, the demand for workmen is greater than the supply of skilled mechanics. Seven candidates were elected and five applications for membership were received last night.

**Cigar-Makers.**

The members of the International Cigar-makers' Union, San Francisco Branch, have all the work they can possibly attend to and the standard rates of wages are upheld. At a meeting of the Executive Committee last night the boycott against Bushnell and Thurman's weekly journal was indorsed.

**Shoe Clerks' Mass-Meeting.**

The shoe clerks will hold an open-air mass-meeting to night at the junction of Third and Market streets. All the members of trades unions in this city and all the advocates and supporters of shorter hours of labor are requested to be present.

# WATER-FRONT INTERESTS.

## The Harbor Commissioners Decide to Make Several Changes.

At a meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, held yesterday, bills amounting to $1,207 54 were ordered paid.

A report from the Chief Wharfinger, recommending the placing of an electric light near the middle of Mission-street Wharf was approved.

The attorney of the board was instructed to bring suit against Walter E. Huey, the defaulting collector, and his bondsmen; also to petition the Governor to offer a reward for his apprehension.

W. W. Fowler was awarded the contract for building a shed at Ferry Slip No. 1 for $750, which was one-half only of the lowest bid presented a week ago for the same work.

It was stated informally by Commissioner English that the board had decided to build the first section of the belt line road at once along Lombard slip to Pacific and to the seawall shed.

# SWEET CHARITY.

## A Home for Feeble-Minded Children in Sonoma County.

The San Francisco and North Pacific Coast Railroad will run an excursion to-day to Geiston, near Glen Ellen, leaving here at 9:20 o'clock in the morning for the accommodation of those interested in public charities who may desire to witness the laying of the corner-stone of the main building of the Home for Feeble-minded Children. The exercises promise to be of great interest. Governor Waterman and staff will be present, and Grand Master Conklin of the Grand Lodge of Masons will deliver an address. The proposed structure will cost about $80,000.

**Who Curley Is.**

Thomas Curley, now in the City Prison on a charge of murdering How Wong, a Chinese, at the corner of Pine and Franklin streets, has quite recently served a term of four months for petty larceny, committed last March. That charge was reduced from robbery.

**A New Orchard Company.**

The Sutter County Orchard and Land Company has been incorporated, with a capital of $300,000. The incorporators are Isador Jacobs, J. D. Frey, Jacob Levi Jr., Joseph Durney and C. N. Tharsing.

# STATE PRODUCTS.

## New Sites for Exhibits—Retarded Development.

William H. Mills presided yesterday afternoon at the monthly meeting of the State Board of Trade, held at 220 Sutter street in Horticultural Hall. The destruction of the exhibit by the Grand Hotel fire was formally reported and two offers for new exhibition rooms were considered.

The Bancroft Company offered the third floor of the History Building on Market street and Bovee, Toy & Co. offered the use of a store on Seventh street, near Market. Governor Waterman desires to locate the State's exhibit in the building to be erected by the Harbor Commission at the foot of Market street, which will have a large waiting-room on the second floor in which the Governor would like to see the exhibit of the resources of California, as all travelers will have to pass through it.

Mr. Mills presented the Governor's suggestion and spoke in favor of it. He desired also a more extensive exhibit than there was in the old place and asked the board to take action in reference to increasing the size and nature of the future displays. At his suggestion the Chairmen of all standing committees were appointed a special committee to attend to the preparation of the exhibit.

During a general discussion over the proper location of a new site for the board's display the proposed new State building at the ferry landing was favored.

The Secretary was also instructed to inform the Boards of Supervisors of the State of the destruction of the exhibit, and of the necessity of replacing it.

Mr. Mills presented a suggestion from Collis P. Huntington in reference to the best method of inducing immigration. The railroad magnate proposed to have those who have settled here to write to their nearest friends of their former homes in the East stating the advantages to be derived from settling in this State. Mr. Huntington would also like to send some settlers back East to tell what they know of the matter.

At the previous meeting of the board a committee was appointed to investigate the industrial condition of California, and, as Chairman of that committee, Mr. Mills made an interesting statement yesterday. He said he proposed to show that the settlement and development of the State are retarded by various causes, and to give reasons why the rural districts have not grown: "There is something," he said, "holding the growth of the State back, and whatever that is we propose to find it out."

N. P. Chipman said that extensive wheat-raising is not profitable. Fruit lands are more advantageous and the best fruit men estimate that in seven years they can pay for the finest lands, including interest and the cost of planting trees.

Mr. Mills said the conditions here are favorable to the growth of the population. "In the next ten years," he continued, "I expect a wonderful growth of both cities and counties in California. The State has a splendid future and will eventually be an empire of wealth and population."

Before adjourning a vote of thanks was given the State Horticultural Society for the use of its new hall.

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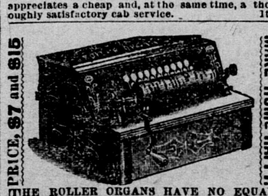

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