

SUNDAY CLOSING.

Petition of the People of Santa Clara.

OPPOSED BY LIQUOR MEN.

Spirited Argument Before the County Board of Supervisors—No Decision Has Yet Been Reached.

ARRIVAL OF THE RUSH.

The Revenue Cruiser Puts Into San Diego. SAN DIEGO, April 18.—The revenue cruiser Richard Rush, Captain Hooper, arrived at noon from Honolulu...

SOME COAST GOSSIP.

Reindeer to Be Brought From Siberia.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson Has Been Sent Upon a Mission to the Territory of Russia.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Sheldon Jackson, Commissioner of Education for Alaska, has received orders to go to Siberia...

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WILL PAY SILVER.

Carlisle Has Devised a Scheme.

HOW TO MEET A CRISIS.

The Silver Purchase Law Gives the Secretary of the Treasury Large Discretionary Power.

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ANGELS COME HIGH.

A Costly Lesson From the Citrus Fair.

Mechanics' Institute Directors Find Small Profits and Slow Returns.

Talk of Another Fair.

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At the semi-monthly meeting of the directors of the Mechanics' Institute held last evening there were present President A. S. Halliday and Directors Cummings, Dulan, Forthall, Lewis, McDonald, Malin, Manson and Sims.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

Among the long array of dry routine business that has been crowded up upon the directors of the Mechanics' Institute...

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It materialized in the matter of fact-phase of a communication from A. S. J. Bowie, the calcium-light operator who illuminated the angles in the "Book of Ages" exhibition...

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It came out in discussion that the Book of Ages exhibit had been rather a costly affair, considering that the exhibition lasted only two days...

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The calcium light operator's claim was referred to the directors, and the secretary read a communication from Chris Johnson complaining that the recent meeting of the directors had been a failure...

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One of these referred claims was that of E. Moraga of the Spanish architect committee, who had been requested to be allowed for gas made payable to himself...

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The librarian reported 500 new applicants for membership, 200 new members, and 100 new donors to the library.

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The committee on building was authorized to call on the city and sidewalk on the corner of the building.

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The committee on lectures reported that the lecture given by Mr. J. M. Jordan, the new Sub-Treasurer at New York, will probably enter upon his duties to-morrow morning.

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After the cabinet meeting a reporter saw Secretary Carlisle, but he positively declined to discuss the financial situation.

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This is according to the policy he has held for some time, preferring not to forecast any action until the necessity for it arrives.

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Several small offers of gold were received from the West to-day. These offers aggregate less than \$500,000, and will not appear on the treasury books for several days.

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Internal Revenue Commissioner Mason to-day submitted his last monthly report of the operations of the Internal Revenue Bureau, the new commissioner, Mr. Miller, relieving him to-morrow. It shows for the five months of the fiscal year ended March 31, 1893, that the aggregate receipts from internal revenue sources were \$120,000,000, a gain over the corresponding period of 1892 of \$2,000,000.

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NEW YORK, April 18.—A Washington special to the Sun says: Secretary Carlisle has definitely decided to redeem in silver the outstanding treasury notes issued under the act of 1890 and known as the Sherman act.

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The Secretary will not permit himself to be quoted on this point, but he has indicated his arrangements to pay these notes in silver, and he announced this in the Cabinet meeting to-day.

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He records the arrival of the speedy messenger, the bears here believing the suspension of gold certificates will indefinitely postpone a currency crisis in the United States.

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The San Francisco Homeing Club will represent this year at the bench show which will be given at the Pavilion by the Pacific Coast Homeing Club.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

Over 300 pigeons will be on exhibition and these will include almost every known variety of the breed.

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The first race will be from this city—the birds being liberated at the entrance to the Pavilion—two miles, which is over 100 miles. On the 4th of May races will be held between this city and Stockton, and on the day following the club's best flying pigeons will race from this city to Oakland, a distance of 120 miles.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

Some of the leading officers of the club, said yesterday that the sport at Oakland to-day was the best ever seen in California, and that the racing was done in a most satisfactory manner.

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The ring is made just large enough to fit on the leg of a five-day-old pigeon, so that it can be removed without amputating the leg. On each ring is a certain figure, and by this means the owner of the bird is known.

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It is the general custom to have a receiver in the left hand to receive the bird immediately upon its return, and to return it to the operator in charge of the nearest telegraph office, who dispatches the bird to the sender. Thus it will be seen that no mistakes are made by the club in return of the birds.

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Regarding membership Mr. Smith stated that the amount of initiation fee and that of the bonds cost 25 cents. The only money was received by hunters and hawkers. The former were not very desirous, as the birds generally flew well out of range of their shot, but the hawkers have caused considerable damage and killed many valuable birds.

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TO CHEAPEN TALK.

Every House May Have Its Own Telephone.

A NEW COMPANY'S PROMISES.

It Will Take Advantage of Expired Patents to Benefit the Public, the City and Itself.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

San Francisco will soon have telephones at \$2 a month. The main telephone patents have expired and a big company of local capitalists are going to spend \$500,000 in erecting a plant in a great system in this city, and there are several interesting features of this new scheme.

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On Monday night ex-Governor George C. Perkins, ex-President of the Traffic Association, J. B. Stetson, John D. Spreckels, Louis Stoss, W. F. Fuller and others presented a memorial to the Board of Supervisors asking for a franchise to lay conduits throughout the city for a new telephone system, including also incidentally telegraph lines, and the transmission of electricity, and also telephony.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

The contemplated enterprise is one of great importance to the city if the plans proposed are carried out, and will greatly lessen the cost of wire communication to those who need it. It also means competition with the established companies, which will bring about an increased use of the telephone, and this will necessarily involve the employment of more labor.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

James B. Stetson, who is one of the moving spirits of the new enterprise, was last night the subject of a long and interesting talk at the Mechanics' Institute. He is a well-known name in the telephone business, and has been successful in many of his enterprises.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

"We mean business," said Mr. Stetson, "in this matter, and have large capital to carry out our plans. We are not interested in the mere profit, but in the benefit to the city. We are going to spend \$500,000 in erecting a plant in a great system in this city, and there are several interesting features of this new scheme."

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"Mind you," said Mr. Stetson, "we have considered all the difficulties in the way, and we are confident that we can carry out our plans. We are going to spend \$500,000 in erecting a plant in a great system in this city, and there are several interesting features of this new scheme."

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There is only one patent which we do not control, and that is a device for long distance telephoning. We do not propose, however, to touch this communication with Los Angeles. Our business will be confined to San Francisco and the vicinity. Our object is to establish a cheap system, which will be the same time profitable, and so less liable to be taken away by a competitor. It is our belief that a telephone will be a necessity in every household, and we are confident that we can carry out our plans.

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