

ITS LABORS OVER.

The Grand Jury Files Its Final Report.

NOTHING IMPORTANT DONE.

A Term of Hard Work Without Conspicuous Results.

VERY FEW INDICTMENTS FOUND.

All the Public Offices of the City Are Stated to be in Healthy Condition.

The Grand Jury handed in its final report to Presiding Judge Hebbard yesterday, and adjourned after four months' investigation of public and private matters.

It cannot be said that the report contains much that alters the present aspect of affairs, as although the most important investigations have been held, yet in most cases they have not resulted in any decisive action being taken.

During the whole session there have been some eight or nine indictments filed, but none of these were of any great value from a sensational point of view.

In the first paragraph of the report appear these words: "We wish to call particular attention to the fact that in many cases the present statutes, while giving us the right of approval or disapproval, do not provide us with the means of enforcing what we would consider as the necessary reform."

The Mayor, Supervisors and City Hall Commissioners are favorably reported, and the only fault found with the rooms in the new City Hall occupied by the various officials is their lack of proper ventilation.

With regard to the Assessor's office it is reported that whatever complaints have been lodged are due to errors on the part of deputies, and that the Assessor should be careful whom he employs.

The system of records observed in the Mayor's, Assessor's and Tax Collector's offices is commended, with a recommendation that the Board of Supervisors should advertise for competitive systems to be submitted by experts from all parts of the State.

The Grand Jury also commends that by this means there could be saved to the city and county at least \$75,000 per annum.

With regard to the County Clerk's office everything is found to be in good order, with the exception of the manner of collecting cast fees. However, it is noted that in January next all such fees are to be paid to the Treasurer.

The County Jail is reported in good condition. An improvement in the quality of supplies furnished to the jail on Broadway is suggested, as well as the provision of a separate room for the women detained at Branch Jail No. 3, formerly known as the Industrial School.

Regarding courts, the report says: "The Police Department and the courts are working harmoniously for the best interest of the people, and it is to be hoped that a great deal to be wished for in the way of legislation to make the police courts more efficient."

The abolition of juries is suggested in the report, and it is recommended that the old City Hall and Morgue are condemned as being quite unfit for habitation.

The Fire Department is greatly praised, with the exception of the present system of extramural substitutes, as being dangerous to the welfare of the city.

Men employed in outside pursuits cannot perform their duties as well as those who are in a city where distances are great or where modern buildings are to be cared for.

All the scandals which have arisen with the present management are attributed to the substitute class.

A subdivision of the Fire Commissioners is recommended into three committees—finance, apparatus and building.

Houses on Main and Sixteenth streets are condemned, and it is suggested that the Richmond district, South San Francisco, the Potrero and North Beach. It is suggested that a pomper corps be at once attached to the department.

The City and County Hospital is found in excellent condition, and Superintendent Thus is complimented for his efficient management. Alterations are suggested in the way of employing more nurses, the establishment of a larger operating-room, and the provision of more supplies in the way of bedding, etc.

A long-felt want is suggested in the way of ambulances, and it is suggested that a Hospital, with a more liberal supply of surgical instruments.

Touching the recent scandals connected with the Board of Education the report says that the Board should be held responsible for these frequent discussions, which we now have reason to believe will not be continued."

The various schools are found in good condition and well conducted.

The Spring Valley Water Company and the gas company are found all right, but it is suggested that the telephone company be under the control of the Board of Supervisors. No reference is made to the Pacific Bank.

The following specifications are submitted for bituminous-rock paving: The roadway to be excavated to a depth of four feet, and the surface to be formed of good clean material. The roadbed to be brought to a true surface by the use of a three feet from the bottom of the gutterway to the center, and thoroughly rolled across the street from curb to curb with a 10-ton roller.

On this will be laid a concrete foundation of not less than six inches in depth, which contains a reinforcement of iron rods of Portland cement, two parts of good, clean sand and seven parts of clean rock of the best quality, well mixed and compacted.

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PEA AND SHELL MEN.

A Stranger Robbed of \$70 at the Ocean Beach.

Frank Stevens and George M. Dwyer, visitors from the East, went to the Cliff House on Sunday to take a look at the seals. They were approached by two bunco-sters, who made themselves very agreeable, and gradually worked Stevens and Dwyer down to the beach, where they met another man, who tried to make them acquainted with the pea and shell game. Stevens had seen it before and declined to participate. One of the bunco men pulled out a \$5 gold piece and soon lost it.

"There's no trick in that game," said Dwyer, "if you can only catch it right."

"If I had \$50 or \$70," remarked the man who had lost the \$5 gold piece, "I would play with you. Come along, Dwyer," said Stevens, "there's no good in you trying to beat it."

"What are you betting about?" said the bunco man to Stevens. "You haven't got any money, anyhow."

Stevens resented his insinuation by pulling out \$70 in greenbacks. Just at that moment Billy McDonald, a well-known sure-thing gambler, appeared upon the scene and pretended he was collecting. He held his regular attention to Stevens, and threw his arms around him, while one of the other men pulled out a \$5 gold piece and soon lost it.

McDonald then released Stevens. "Get out of here," he said, "or I'll arrest you. I won't allow you or anybody else to gamble on my beat."

Stevens wanted his money back, when McDonald grabbed him and hustled him along, telling him to "Get out of here, now, or I'll lock you up."

Stevens' friend Dwyer reported the matter to Police Headquarters and Chief Crowley detailed Detectives Cody and Silvey on the spot. They visited the Ocean Beach yesterday morning and soon located McDonald's hide-out. They took him to the City Prison and booked him on the charge of robbery. He was identified by Stevens and Dwyer.

THE NEW MORGUE.

Mayor Ellert Sends Two Messages.

Contractor Ebets Refuses to Supply the City With Coal Unless Guaranteed Payment.

Mayor Ellert sent two communications to the Board of Supervisors yesterday. The first one read related to the proposed removal of the Morgue to the new City Hall.

After referring to the condemnation of the present Morgue in Dunbar alley the Mayor said that until such time as funds sufficient to provide for the erection of a suitable building can be obtained some action should be taken to designate a locality for a new Morgue.

"I beg to submit that some action must be taken," said the Mayor, "as the building now used must be discontinued, it being unsafe and dangerous, and from its condition cannot be altered, strengthened or improved to afford proper facilities without incurring a greater expense than it would cost to erect a new building, which at present cannot be done, as there are no funds for such a purpose."

The Mayor suggested that the board designate as the locality for the new Morgue that portion of the new City Hall contiguous to the Receiving Hospital. All necessary arrangements referred to the Health and Police Committee.

The Mayor's second message related to the offering of men in front of the new Police Courts in the City Hall, the conduct of which is being investigated by the board. He said, "are offensive and disgraceful, and steps should be taken to keep the hall and corridors clear of all such obstructions."

Mayor Ellert suggested as a means to abate this nuisance that the board pass an ordinance prohibiting the congregation of idlers in the corridors of the new City Hall. This message was referred to the Finance Committee as the first, and will come up for consideration next Friday.

The Finance Committee reported against the claim of ex-Judge John Curry for \$1000 for services claimed to have been rendered on behalf of the city in the Supreme Court in the water case, which resulted in the taking away of the Mayor's veto on all orders relating to the water case. The Finance Committee reported that it had no objection of ex-Judge Curry ever having been employed to defend the city's rights.

A communication was read from A. M. Ebets, who has the contract for furnishing coal for the city. He said that as the annual appropriation for fuel was almost exhausted he would not supply the city with any more coal unless the board made some provision to guarantee him payment.

A resolution was presented directing Clerk Russell to turn into the city treasury such sums collected by him for the granting of special privileges, to be paid to the clerk in the way of compensation for his services in the general fund for fuel for public buildings.

This matter was referred to the City and County Attorney for his opinion as to the legality of diverting the money for the purpose.

The clerk of the board was authorized to advertise for proposals to cover Lobos square with three inches of rock clay, the work to be commenced immediately and to be completed by the first of the month of June.

The resignation of Niel Biggs, sergeant-at-arms of the board, was accepted, and Antonio Flynn was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The superintendent of Streets was instructed not to employ more than two laborers on Alta plaza.

The Finance Committee was instructed to cause no more judgments against the city to be entered, and to recommend mandamus proceedings brought against Auditor Broderick, to compel him to audit one of these judgment demands for \$3532.

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Opening of the Last New Hostelry To-Day.

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The latest addition to the splendid list of hotels which distinguishes San Francisco above all the great cities of the United States is the Hotel Becker, located at 16 and 18 Mason street, in near proximity to the business and shopping center of the city and close to all the high-class places of amusement and diversion.

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TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

John Allen, an Engineer, Meets a Sudden Death.

John Allen, a marine engineer, living at 33 Ridley street, swallowed carbolic acid at his home yesterday afternoon and died in a few moments.

His wife, who was at his side a few moments after his death, said that after they had had lunch about 1 o'clock she told her husband that he had better go and lie down. She had been sick and he had been up several nights nursing her by mistake, but he had a home and smuggled goods. In this the officers failed, Blume evidently being a mere tool.

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TRUSTEES' SALE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND under the authority of a certain deed of trust, executed by HENRY C. CAMPBELL and THADDEUS B. KENT, trustees, do hereby give notice that on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, A. D. 1894, at 12 o'clock M. of that day, and at the auction sale room of EASTON, EDWARDS & CO., 838 Market street, in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, we will sell at public auction the premises described in the following list of California land situated in the county of Stanislaus, State of California, as follows: In the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of section twenty-two (22) of township five (5) north and range eight (8) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian.