

OAKLAND WATER IS POLLUTED.

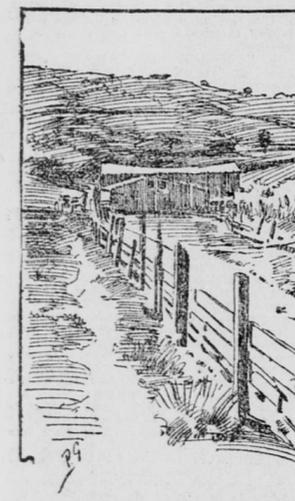
DECOMPOSING CARCASSES OF CAT-TLE AT THE HEAD OF LAKE TEMESCAL.

DINGEE MAKES A COMPLAINT

THE BOARD OF HEALTH GIVES ORDERS FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION.

The following note, received at the office of the Oakland Board of Health yesterday, caused an investigation that has already produced startling results:

February 27, 1895. Dr. Frank Adams, Health Officer, Oakland—Dear Sir: I have been informed on reliable authority that immediately at the head of Temescal there are numerous dead cattle lying on the banks of the streams that are tributary to said lake and over a quarter of a mile from the lake. These carcasses are in various stages of decomposition. There are also several most filthy herds of cats and dogs, and runs, carrying all the filth from the said yards



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into the lake, and I think it is a proper matter for your inspector to see and report on. Yours truly, WILLIAM J. DINGEE.

Temescal Lake was visited by a CALL reporter and Health Inspector Douglass yesterday, and the statements made in Mr. Dingee's note were more than substantiated.

The lake is made by damming up a canyon in the hills back of Temescal, and is a narrow body of water about two miles in length. A stone dam is thrown across it at almost any place. It is on the site of the reservoir of Ben Chabot, who first supplied Oakland with water. The lake is supplied from the numerous hills which tower above it, nearly every little canyon furnishing a feeder, but the main supply is from the little creek which has an opening at the head of the lake.

It was at the point where this little creek empties into the lake that the carcasses complained of by Mr. Dingee were found. The waters of the lake have anything but an inviting appearance at this point.



DEAD COW AT THE HEAD OF LAKE TEMESCAL, ONE OF THE SOURCES OF OAKLAND'S WATER SUPPLY.

They may look more like something fit to drink water the big dam. It may be, also, that the tumbling waters of the little creek give the lake waters their "sucky" appearance.

At the head of the lake stands the old Mead barnhouse, now the property of William P. Todd, the real estate agent, and not a stone's throw from the head of the lake, standing between the main feeder and a little stream coursing from a canyon to the left, is a dairy ranch. The proprietor, who has twenty-five cows, called his place the Good Government Club. The fifth from these animals, whose stalls line the creek, runs into the waters of Temescal Lake. The cow lot lies along the little stream for 200 yards and drains into the lake.

This cow lot is complained of by Mr. Dingee. But it is not all. At the upper end of the lake lie the bodies of three cows, one of which is in such a state of putrefaction that an inspection at short range is far from pleasant. This carcass is within a quarter of a mile of a portion of Oakland's water supply, and is not only in the watershed but is almost in the creek itself. Further up the canyon, another hundred yards, lie the bleaching bones of another cow, a probable victim, like the others, of tuberculosis.

Inspector Douglass climbed the hills and delved into canyons near by and found more carcasses. There were four of them on the banks of another little feeder to the lake. The winter rains poured through the bodies from the watershed and carried the germs of disease which destroyed them through the waterpipes of Oakland and into many a home.

inspecting dairies in and about Oakland, but thought that this one deserved more than a passing notice. His report will be interesting.

The report of George E. Colby of the Agricultural Experiment station of the University of California, who examined the water from the lake on February last, will also prove of interest. Mr. Colby reported: Solid residue at 100 deg. C., 17.52; chlorine, .37; ammonia, free, .213; albuminoid, .188; oxygen consumed in moist combustion, 1.98.

Mr. Colby added this remark to his report, in speaking of the organic matter in the water: "The Contra Costa water, especially the albuminoid ammonia, indicates that it carries about all it can stand." Steps have been taken to have the dairyman, whose name is Rodgers, arrested on the strength of the report of Inspector Douglass, and a warrant will be sworn out the first thing this morning. The Board of Health is determined that no milk from the New York Dairy shall be exposed for sale if upon examination it proves to be impure.

Annexation Defeated. Temescal will not come into Oakland to help make a greater Oakland just at present. The proposition to annex was defeated at the polls yesterday, and strange to say Temescal did the work. It took a majority vote, both inside and outside of Oakland, to carry the measure, and while Oakland voted favorably Temescal registered her vote adversely.

The vote in Oakland stood for annexation, 394; against, 398. In Temescal the vote was, for annexation, 278; against, 357. By precincts the vote was: Peralta—for, 69; against, 95. Temescal No. 1—for, 79; against, 181.

The annexationists do not feel at all dismayed over the result and say they will try again.

The salaries of several Alameda County officials will be cut by the Legislature. They will probably stand as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Office, Present salary, New salary. Rows include Sheriff (\$15,000 to \$12,150), Auditor (\$8,000 to \$5,250), District Attorney (\$8,000 to \$5,000), Tax Collector (\$5,500 to \$3,000), County Clerk (\$5,000 to \$3,000), Recorder (\$4,500 to \$2,000), Superintendent of Schools (\$5,000 to \$3,000), Assessor (\$15,000 to \$14,000).

Justices' salary on criminal cases \$150 per month. Constables' salaries \$60 per month and fees not to exceed \$1000 per annum.

ALAMEDA.

City Attorney Taylor yesterday received a reply to his request upon the Attorney-

General as to whether a woman is eligible to the office of School Director. The question was suggested by a section of the law governing charters of the fifth class, and was brought up by the nomination of Mrs. I. N. Chapman by the Good Government Club.

The opinion was written by Deputy Attorney-General J. C. Daley and is to the effect that the present law permits the nomination and election of a woman to the office of School Director. The opinion does not cover the case at issue, because the particular ruling sought on the question is not given wide enough scope. While, therefore, the question is still open to controversy on this score, it has been agreed what course to pursue under the circumstances. Mrs. Chapman will present her petition with the proper percentage of names.

If the City Clerk has any doubt as to the propriety of placing her name on the ticket, the City Attorney will decide that it has the right to be printed on the ticket.

Inspector Douglass again turned his attention to the New York Dairy. He probed the filth in the cowlot and ascertained that it was four feet deep. He thought he had seen enough to warrant a more thorough investigation and will make a report accordingly. He has had much to do with

ship lists will be presented. The nominating convention will be held on March 7.

Bene Placito Club. The Bene Placito Whist Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Mamie Thornton on High street, and played the third game of their series of eight. When the series is completed prizes will be awarded to the highest and lowest players.

Broken Shoulder Blade. The suit of Faharty against Desormier to recover \$80 for personal injuries was tried before the City Recorder and a jury yesterday. Desormier is a saloon-keeper and Faharty alleged that while in his saloon on Christmas, Desormier wrestled with him and broke his shoulder blade.

Berkeley. Mrs. F. B. Moulton is lying in a dangerous condition at her home on Milvia street and College way as the result of a runaway accident yesterday. Mrs. Moulton and her husband were driving on Piedmont way when their rig was struck by a runaway truck horse.

The Moultons were thrown to the ground. The gentleman was severely lacerated but soon recovered. His wife, besides being badly cut and bruised, received a scalp wound, the effects of which are viewed with apprehension.

Dr. Learned Holds Services. Rev. Dr. Learned, whose exciting experiences in the past few days at the Baptist Church have attracted considerable attention, held services Tuesday evening in Ashby Hall, South Berkeley. It was anticipated that he would allude to the recent controversy, but he confined himself strictly to the "Differences Between Religion and Science." Services in the hall will henceforth be held regularly every Tuesday evening.

Postponed Mail Delivery. The mail service will not begin to-morrow, as was expected. This is due to the delinquency of the superintendent of the delivery service in answering a letter written by Postmaster McCarthy, asking for additional sorting room. As soon as a reply is received the service will be inaugurated.

New Electric Railway. The holders of the franchise for a new electric railway intend to commence work in a couple of weeks. The work has been delayed thus long on account of the weather. A system of transfers will be used in connection with the Grove-street and Telegraph-avenue lines.

Ladies' Aid Social. The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church will give a social in the church parlors to-morrow night. An excellent programme has been arranged.

RETURN OF THE "BORAX KING."

F. M. SMITH ARRIVES, AND TALKS OF OAKLAND RAILROAD POSSIBILITIES.

A THIRD SAN JOAQUIN ROAD.

THE OUTLOOK FOR CALIFORNIA IN A COMMERCIAL WAY DECIDEDLY BRIGHT.

F. M. Smith, the man of many enterprises, best known as the "Borax King," arrived in Oakland yesterday with his family after an extended Eastern tour. Mr. Smith has large railroad interests in and about Oakland and brings tidings of a contemplated road down the San Joaquin Valley, to be backed by Eastern capital.

When asked about the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad, Mr. Smith said: "I want to get some news myself. I have been away from California about six months and everything I know about these matters is stale. I had expected to be able to make some arrangements with this new company about bringing its terminal to this city, and I don't see how it can do other-

wise than use my ferry system; but it seems their intention was the wish of the subscribers that they own their terminal and ferry system.

"I am very much interested in the success of the affair, though not in a financial way as yet. I am sure the road will pay, for the Southern Pacific company has bonded its branch in that section for three times the sum it would cost to build one, and still it pays. In fact, it is the best-paying road it has. Add to this the fact that the new company will be held by patrons and it cannot be other-

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"There are great things in store for the State, for if one of these competing roads gets started others will surely follow closely. It is a great wonder to me, and I cannot understand it, why it is that the California farmers have stood this thing as long as they have. They are narrow and like the Eastern farmers, who keep well posted and enterprising, who keep well posted and enterprising."

"No, I have made no definite plans concerning what I will do next, either with the ferry system or with the local street railway system. I have put considerable money in steam and electric railways with the expectation that some day Oakland will be the terminal for the overland and State roads.

"I am of the opinion that considerable can be done with the California and Nevada road. With a good ferry system as a terminus and with a train running through the hills out into the Walnut Creek district, together with the local street railway system also feeding it, it seems to me that it ought to be a successful enterprise."

GARFIELD SQUARE. It is to be Surrounded With a Hedge Fence. Garfield Park, one of the public squares which fronts on Twenty-fifth, Harrison and Twenty-sixth streets and Treat avenue, is being improved. The large eucalyptus trees that grew on the Treat-avenue front

will be removed and the square will be surrounded with a hedge fence.

Budd and Eberio. The Great Friendship Between the Governor and His Commissioner. "The story of a quarrel between Governor Budd and me," said Fish, Commissioner of Education, last night, "is all nonsense. Budd and I have been friends for these many years; we quarreled before election, we quarreled during election, we quarreled since election, and I suppose we will quarrel till we die. Whatever trouble we have had has been of a private and not a public character. Budd would give the last drop of his blood for me, as I would mine for him."

"I can think of nothing that could have given rise to the story except that maybe I may have said while in company with some friend, 'To top with Budd; I've got no use for him.' I might have said that as one man would jestingly say of another."

"Disatisfied because he did not appoint me Harbor Commissioner? Why, no, I did not want the office, because my private business will not allow me to give time to it."

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"At my own expense I have fitted up a room in the Flood building, and will cooperate with Commissioner Murdoch. I believe that in a very short time the people will see that we will carry out the objects for which the commission was created."

Fell Fifty Feet. Judah Elias, an old man who is an inmate of the Jewish Home, was found at Sansome and Union streets yesterday morning in a semi-conscious condition. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where it was found that there was an abscess of the brain, and he was suffering severely from internal injuries. The old man is slightly paralyzed in his left side, and will have a long recovery.

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JENSEN—In this city, February 25, 1895, Ellen, beloved wife of Henry Jensen, and mother of H. S. Sisson, a native of Ireland, aged 50 years. Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral THIS DAY (Thursday), at 10 o'clock P. M., from her late residence 1500 Larkin street, thence to St. Mary's Cathedral, corner Parrott street and Van Ness avenue, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul, commencing at the above hour.

BARLEBER—In this city, February 24, 1895, Robert Barleber, a native of Germany, aged 49 years. A number of our friends are invited to attend the funeral THIS DAY (Thursday), at 10 o'clock P. M., from her late residence 162 1/2 Polk street. Interment I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Friends and acquaintances and members of the funeral THIS DAY (Thursday), at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Jackson, 2248 Franklin street. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

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BORN. COFFEY—In this city, February 18, 1895, to the wife of M. W. Coffey, a daughter. BACIGALUPI—In this city, February 25, 1895, to the wife of Louis Bacigalupi, a daughter. CARLSON—In this city, February 24, 1895, to the wife of P. H. Carlson, a daughter. CLARK—In Santa Rosa, February 26, 1895, to the wife of Michael B. Clark of Hayward, a son.

MARRIED. O'CONNOR—MILLONIG—In this city, February 15, 1895, Peter O'Connor and Annie E. Millonig. MOODY—TOWNER—In this city, February 27