

San Francisco Agency.

We have appointed Mr. L. P. Fournier, at the Merchants' Exchange, as our San Francisco Agent.

Job Printing.

Now is the time for our merchants and traders to procure handbills and cards, printed plain or in colors.

Agents.

McConnell & Co. .... Coloma, Adams & Co. .... Mud Springs, A. J. Bunting. .... Garden Valley.

CITY ELECTION.

Regular Town Nominations.

FOR MAYOR, WILLIAM H. SMITH. FOR ALDERMEN, W. M. CARY, M. R. ELSTNER, L. BINSWANGER, E. T. LEE, C. B. M. RUSSELL, J. M. DOUGLASS.

City Nominees.

On Monday evening last, in accordance with a previous notice, a large number of the citizens of our city assembled at Mr. Bell's, and nominated Capt. W. H. Smith for Mayor.

The meeting was not of a political character. It was composed of the leading and influential men of both parties—of men whose interests are identified with the growth and prosperity of our young and thriving city—of men who have always taken an active part in every measure calculated to benefit Placerville—of men of character, standing and influence.

At the close of the astronomical exhibition, a Chromatropo was shown, as also six very beautiful temperance illustrations, which strikingly illustrated the sad havoc which King Alcohol makes, and which elicited great applause.

New Diggings.

We are informed that extensive placer diggings have been discovered in the vicinity of White Rock, and a remarkable fact, of the equal payment of the dirt from the surface to the bed rock, is also established.

From ten to twenty dollars have thus far been taken, each day, to the hand; and when better facilities are constructed for the conveyance of water from the South Fork Canal, there can be no question of an immense supply of the "yellow boys."

We understand these diggings are located upon the side-hills, and there are quite a number of hills adjacent bearing the same resemblance to the one now prospected. It is generally supposed by the miners that all will pay, and should they succeed in discovering gold upon them also, then we have a new and wide field opened for our population.

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CITY CHARTER.—On our first page will be found this important paper, and as it is a matter of the deepest interest to our citizens, we earnestly request them to read it attentively.

Down With The Dust.—Low Hunter and Peto Quinlan started their water cart yesterday, for the purpose of keeping our streets free from dust.

Another fatal duel was fought at San Francisco on the 23d inst., between an Englishman named Benson and a Scotchman by the name of Mengess, in which the former was shot through the breast and died soon after.

The Astronomical Exhibition.

The exhibition of our Planetary system given by Mr. Cole, last evening, was one of unusual attraction, and called out a very large audience, both of Ladies and Gentlemen.

The Ptolemaic, the Brahmie, and the Copernican systems were fully illustrated, as were the causes which produce day and night, the changes of the seasons, the flowing and ebbing of tides; the phenomena of Eclipses; the rotundity of the earth, and the other Planetary bodies of our system; the orbits, and the nodes of Planets formed in their periodic revolutions; the phases of the moon, the ecliptic circles, and the inclinations of the orbits of the Planets; Comets and the eccentricity of their spheres.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor accompanied the exhibition of the diagrams with an astronomical lecture of about two hours in length, in which he fully and satisfactorily explained the three different systems of Astronomy extant.

The object, which Mr. Cole, who is the Principal of the Public Free School, has in view, is to promote education, is worthy of all praise; and we most cordially wish him that success which his industry, untiring perseverance, and acknowledged ability entitle him to.

We understand that it is the intention of Mr. Cole to give a free exhibition, in a few days, to all the children in both Upper and Lower Placerville, who are members of either of the five schools.

We beg to take the liberty of suggesting to our friend Cole, the exhibition of his splendid diagrams in the neighbouring towns.

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Correspondence of the Democrat.

New York, April 20, 1854.

Messrs. Bull and Grapewine have formerly denounced the Great Bear and determined to pitch into him. The declaration of war, since last steamer left, has been the current topic of interest, with us, and every Yankee in the whole country has been contriving how to make a few mighty dollars by it.

On motion, The report of the Treasurer was called up, approved and placed on file; also the report of the Marshal.

On motion, The Blue Wing of the Union was designated as the place for holding the charter election, on the first Monday in June next, and J. L. Perkins and W. J. Burwell were appointed Inspectors of election.

Shipping folks begin to feel in very good preservation, in view of American vessels becoming extensive carriers for the belligerent nations, particularly since the recognition of the points, by the English and French governments, that the neutral flag protects the cargo, and the renunciation of the right of search.

Meanwhile the great Bear is actively preparing for defence, and hopes to give the allied powers on the Baltic such severe hugs, at the outset, that they will forsake his camping ground in the neighborhood.

To satisfy these claims, a scrip was issued payable on the 8th of August next, bearing interest of ten per cent per annum.

Santa Ana's expectations are knocked into pi lately, by the rejection of the Gadsden treaty. There is a talk of the reconsideration. The rejection probably finishes his highness' reign in Mexico.

Commodore Newton, at Havana, recently refused to salute the Spanish authorities there until the Black Warrior indignity should be repaired.

A furious storm visited this vicinity a few days since, unknown for this season of the year. It has wrecked three fine ships, besides scores of smaller vessels; tore down telegraph posts, and left four inches of snow on the ground with winds as cold as charity, direct from Greenland.

The Pacific Steamship Company has made a formal protest, in Congress, against the annulment of their mail contract.

Darky Douglass and Lucy Stone, well matched except in color, are having an argumentative battle over the constitution; the former upholding it, and the latter saying it up as not worth shucks.

It is reported that Adams & Co. are going to establish an Express to Constantinople. Wouldn't wonder. They are the most energetic and responsible of all live Yankees, and if they started an express to the moon, would be well patronized.

We direct the attention of the reader to the Report of the Town Trustees. It exhibits our financial condition in a much more favorable light than most of our citizens, we presume, anticipated; and reflects much credit on the capacity, skill and economy of the Trustees.

We acknowledge the receipt of a package of fine cigars and various drinkables, from Tommy, the "good looking" bar-keeper of the Union. Tommy fixes up "mountaineers, cobbler's" and all those delightful drinks in the most artistic style, and gives a free lunch every night at ten o'clock.

Placerville, April 22, 1854.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the town of Placerville, held in pursuance of a call by the President, the following members were present:

Messrs. Hunter, Foster, Predmore and Reynolds: The meeting being called to order, the President submitted his annual report of the finances of the Corporation, which was placed on file and ordered to be published with the proceedings of this meeting.

On motion, The report of the Treasurer was called up, approved and placed on file; also the report of the Marshal.

On motion, The Blue Wing of the Union was designated as the place for holding the charter election, on the first Monday in June next, and J. L. Perkins and W. J. Burwell were appointed Inspectors of election.

There being no available means in the treasury to meet this indebtedness, and the Board being limited by law in the collection of taxes to the half of one per cent per annum upon the assessed value of the property within the corporation, it was found impossible to pay this amount and meet the current expenses of the town, and at the same time provide the corporation with what was believed to be of paramount importance, the means of preventing the destruction by fire, our combustible and hitherto highly favored town.

To satisfy these claims, a scrip was issued payable on the 8th of August next, bearing interest of ten per cent per annum.

The receipts and disbursements at the treasury, for the fiscal year, have been as follows:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, RECEIVED FOR TAXES, LICENCES, FINES, FROM PLACERVILLE WATER COMPANY, EXPENDITURES, PAID CONTRACTORS AND LABORERS ON THE WATER WORKS AS FOLLOWS, PAID FREIGHT BILL AND EXPENSES ON HYDRANTS, PAID CUMMINGS, ASSESSOR, ROFF, NIGHT WATCH, CRIPPER, TENNISMASTER, HYDRANTS, HYDRANT OVALS, HOPKINS, MARSHAL, TRANSPORT OF CITY CHARTER, CITY SCRIP FOR FINES.

To the above it is proper to add there are outstanding claims against the corporation amounting to three hundred and seventy-seven dollars, for the most of which a city scrip has been issued bearing an interest of five per cent per month, and payable in July next; besides which, I have expended in going to San Francisco and getting up the five hydrants, two hundred dollars, for which I have made no charge and ask no pay.

Early in August last, the Board entered into contract with a competent and responsible firm to lay pipes of iron in hydraulic cement, inner coated with the same material, from Excelsior through Main street to Stony Point, also from Main street up Prospect Hill to an elevation of one hundred feet, where the pipe enter a reservoir built of stone and brick and lined with cement, capable of containing 150,000 gallons of water.

They have also attached to the pipe, at intervals of 100 yards, superior fire hydrants, to each of which two hose may be attached and water thrown by the great pressure at least seventy-five feet in the air, and commanding the whole of the most populous and exposed portion of the town.

Being opposed to the doctrine of entailing a debt upon posterity, after having expended two thousand dollars, we negotiated an arrangement with the Placerville Water Company, whose responsibility was unquestionable, to complete the work according to our plans, at their own expense, and repay the corporation their entire outlay of money except the hydrants, which are reserved for their exclusive use and control.

It is a gratification that our city was the pioneer in introducing that great element of comfort and safety by artificial means, and in point of durability and perfection, will compare favorably with any subsequently built, and are worthy of imitation, and would be a just cause of pride to a city of far greater pretensions.

It is just to remark that the Water Company have with a commendable integrity, completed the work at an expense of ten thousand dollars, and are supplying the inhabitants with regularly an abundance of pure water at a nominal price, as also our fire hydrants.

In this connection I would also state that we have a well organized Hook and Ladder Company and Hose Company, numbering some seventy-five as brave and efficient firemen and as well qualified.

As many California cities can boast, whose skill and energy have on several occasions saved the city from destruction by the devouring element.

It is confidently believed that the duties devolving upon the Board have been executed in a manner deserving and will receive the approbation of the most fastidious stockholders for a rigid economy, not expecting, however, to close the mouth of the malignant trader, the approbation of whom would be justly regarded as the severest censure.

As the term of our official duties are about to close, I congratulate you, gentlemen of the board, and our constituents generally, upon the success that has attended our united efforts to forward the interests of our hitherto mountain town, but now the youngest in the bright circle of the Pacific cities.

At a large meeting of the citizens of the city of Placerville, irrespective of party, on Monday evening the 22d inst., for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Aldermen, on motion of Dr. Harvey, Dr. BURNAM was chosen President, and D. W. GELWICKS Secretary.

The President, in a brief and lucid manner, explained the object of the meeting. After the President had concluded his remarks, Mr. Norton moved that the meeting proceed to nominate candidates for mayor, which motion prevailed unanimously.

Mr. Jones moved that the different candidates be ballotted for. Agreed to. Mr. Reynolds nominated William H. Smith.

Mr. Cooper nominated Alexander Hunter. Mr. Nickerson was also nominated for Mayor, but he instantly withdrew his name and peremptorily declined any and all nominations under the charter, and warmly seconded the nomination of Capt. Smith.

On motion, the President appointed Messrs. Hopkins and Turman tellers. On motion of Mr. Springer, a committee of three was appointed by the Chair to assist the tellers, consisting of Messrs. Nickerson, Harvey and Bee.

Mr. Smith having received the highest number of votes was declared the nominee of the meeting.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the nomination be declared unanimous. Agreed to, with a few dissenting voices.

On motion of Mr. F. A. Bee, a committee of three was appointed by the Chair to inform Capt. Smith of his nomination. The Chair appointed Messrs. Bee, Nickerson and Harvey said committee.

After a short absence the committee returned accompanied by the nominee of the meeting, who was enthusiastically cheered on entering the room.

The following gentlemen were then named as candidates for nomination of Aldermen: George White, Alfred Bell, E. T. Lee, M. R. Elstner, L. Binswanger, J. M. Douglass, Willet P. Jones, F. J. Harmon, G. M. Gantham, J. Predmore, E. C. Montjoy, M. S. McCormick, C. B. M. Russell, and Messrs. Cooper, C. W. Carson, Robinson and Van Yack.

Before proceeding to ballot for Aldermen, it being very late and a great number of persons having left, on motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at Herrick's Hall on Wednesday evening, the 24th.

Wednesday Evening, May 24.—Proceedings of Monday evening read and approved.

Before proceeding to ballot for Aldermen a warm and piquant discussion ensued between Messrs. Anderson, Sanders, Bee and Ward, relative to a motion of the former to reconsider the vote by which Capt. Smith was nominated on Monday night for mayor.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Marysville, May 27th.

A fire occurred in this city about 10 o'clock last night. It broke out on D street between Second and Third, destroying three blocks, including the Theatre, Court House, Western House, Postoffice and Methodist Church.

A fire occurred about 4 o'clock P. M. yesterday, on Pacific street; destroying four frame buildings. Loss—\$1200.

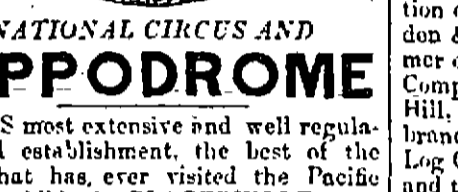
A difficulty occurred to-day in the U. S. District Court, between Ex-Governor Foote and Mr. Inge, U. S. District Attorney. While Mr. Inge was addressing the jury in the Dillon case, Gov. Foote took umbrage at some language used by him and attempted to strike him, but was prevented.

The Grand Jury of San Francisco have indicted President Wm. Walker, J. M. Jernigan and Mr. Snow, for the violation of the neutrality laws of 1818.

A CARD.

SAML. J. H. HANDY, JNO H. HANDY, J. H. & H. HANDY, COUNSELLORS AT LAW, OFFICE over the Miner's Home, Main, near the corner of Coloma street, Placerville, California. [414m\*]

LEE & MARSHALL'S



NATIONAL CIRCUS AND HIPPODROME. This most extensive and well regulated establishment, the best of the kind that has ever visited the Pacific coast, exhibits in PLACERVILLE, on Wednesday next, the 31st inst.

The company now boasts of all the star to be obtained on the shore of the Pacific. Among them may be named: Miss VIRGINIA LIONE, Mr H. C. Lee, Mr George Peoples, Mr. Chas. Derec, Thos. Neville, Mms. Lachette, J. L. Hinecky, Mr. M. Hinecky, La petite MARCELLA (only 3 yrs old), Master Eugene Lee, Master Francis Lee, J. Armstrong, Mr. J. R. Marshall, and others.

Admission—Boxes, 2 00; Pit, 1 00. Doors open at 7 1/2—performance to commence at 8 o'clock. my27

St. Charles Hotel,

Corner of Davis and Washington Streets, San Francisco, Cal. J. HARRIS and J. S. MERRITT, Proprietors. The undersigned take pleasure in announcing to the travelling public, that they have completed the above spacious and commodious Hotel, and are now prepared to receive their guests.

A BARGAIN!

Porter's Bridge and Ranch is Offered for Sale. THERE are 150 acres well fenced, 20 acres of which are in barley. Also, work oxen, cows, hogs, and a good lot of poultry. The dwelling is new. On the premises is a blacksmith and wagon shop which is doing a good business.

Watering the Streets!!

Iurrah! for Competition! The "Old Pioneer" water cart, established in '52, will again resume its regular trips in the streets of the city of Placerville on Saturday morning, May 27th, notwithstanding the new "flexen" that has just been started.

P. CHAMBERLIN, M. D.,

Office on Main street, up stairs, opposite the Union Hotel.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the clerk's office of the Hon. District Court for El Dorado county, on a judgment rendered on the 8th day of May, A. D. 1854, in favor of James Neal and against William Buckholder, for the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, do hereby sell, with interest thereon at the rate of 4 per cent per month from the 8th day of May, A. D. 1854, together with the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars and seventy-four cents, costs of suit and accruing costs, I have levied upon and seized, and will expose to public sale at the Court House in Coloma, on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M., all the right, title, interest and claim of the said William Buckholder, of, in, and to the following described property, lying and being in El Dorado county and State of California; to-wit: All that certain tract and parcel of land, with its improvements and appurtenances, situated in the county of El Dorado, on which is situated the Mormon Tavern, who now resides, containing 160 acres of land, be the same more or less, together with the buildings and improvements thereon.

Sheriff's office, Coloma, May 24th, A. D. 1854. D. E. BUEL, Sheriff of El Dorado Co., Cal. By E. N. SRAOUT, Und. Sh. [prs fee \$19 50] ts

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the clerk's office of the Hon. District Court for El Dorado county, on a judgment rendered on the 13th day of September, A. D. 1853, in favor of Hugh Barker and against the South Fork Canal Company, for the sum of four thousand two hundred and four dollars and forty six cents, debt, with interest on two thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and forty one cents, at the rate of 5 per cent per month, six hundred and forty-seven dollars at 3 per cent per month, and six hundred dollars at ten per cent per annum from the 13th day of September, A. D. 1853, together with the sum of ninety nine dollars, costs of suit, and accruing costs, I have levied upon and seized, and will expose to public sale at the Court House in Coloma, on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M., all the right, title, interest, and claim of the said South Fork Canal Company, of, in, and to the following described property, lying and being in El Dorado county and State of California; to-wit: The line surveyed and graded for a canal, extending from Long Canon to the intersection of the River South Fork, being nine miles in length, more or less, that portion contracted to be built by Geo. Gordon & Kenyon, in the spring and summer of 1853, for the South Fork Canal Company; a ditch commencing at Clay Hill, receiving water from Gold Hill branch, running thence to the bend of Log Cabin ravine, crossing said ravine and terminating at Downing's Ranch; a branch ditch taking the second water from Smith's Ranch, running thence down by and above the Titus House and known as Hulbert's Ditch, and Clay Hill ditch water taken out of Gold Hill branch, near Shelton's aqueduct, to Clay Hill, running on either side and emptying into the above ditch, 2 1/2 miles, together with the improvements thereon.

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By virtue of an execution issued out of the clerk's office of the Hon. District Court for El Dorado county, on a judgment rendered on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1854, in favor of A. W. White, & Co., and against H. Jones, M. Jones, M. K. Shearer, Z. B. Furnam, T. B. Harris, J. B. Hanna, J. C. Shockford, T. Smothers, A. H. Hawley, C. G. Carpenter, and J. O. Harris, for the sum of twelve hundred and sixty-three dollars, debt, with interest on one thousand dollars, at the rate of 3 per cent per month from the 9th day of May, A. D. 1854, together with the sum of one hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifty-six cents, costs of suit, and accruing costs, I have levied upon and seized, and will expose to public sale at the Court House in Coloma, on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M., all the right, title, interest and claim of the said defendants, of, in, and to the following described property, lying and being in El Dorado county and State of California; to-wit: The flume, canal, reservoir, and other works belonging to the firm of Jones, Furnam & Co., situated in this county, commencing at the head waters of Cosumnes River, and extending to the village of Diamond Springs, and other mining localities in said county, and are designed to convey water into these localities, and there used for mining purposes, together with the improvements thereon.

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