

THE TAX LEVY WILL BE LOW.

Indications That the Figures Will Be About \$1 05.

DEPARTMENTS REDUCED

The Health Board Will Receive an Extra Seven Thousand Dollars.

THAT SURPLUS IN EVIDENCE.

Mission High School Estimate Out of the School Department Demand.

Unless the Board of Supervisors choose to alter the report of the Finance Committee relating to the appropriations for the municipal departments for the coming fiscal year the tax levy which is about to be fixed will not exceed \$1 06 on the \$100 and will probably be \$1 05 or 50 cents less than last year.

The Finance Committee has worked long and hard on the figures that it will present to the board, Colonel Taylor spending several nights over the books with the expert of the board.

It was decided by the committee that the demands of most of the departments were excessive. The amount derived from the large levy of last year had allowed several departments to do a lot of necessary building and repairing that will obviate the necessity of spending much money in those directions for some years to come. Added to this was the universal demand for a low levy, and it was concluded to shave demands wherever possible.

It has been decided to cut the \$300,000 allowed Golden Gate Park to \$225,000 for the next year, and the Street Department will be compelled to get along with \$475,000, \$75,000 less than last year and \$1,000,000 less than asked by Superintendent Ashworth, if the committee's report be adopted.

The committee feels that the \$200,000 demanded by the School Department for a new high school for the mission is somewhat excessive, and that department will be compelled to get along with \$1,000,000, or nearly \$250,000 less than was asked.

The Fire Department appropriation will be about \$25,000 less than last year, about \$69,000 being cut off the figures for hose and apparatus, while other departments of the service have been allowed more money.

The Health Department is the only one allowed a substantial increase over last year. If the committee's figures prevail it will receive \$7000 more than in 1895-96, which will be sufficient to pay the salaries of a number of employees who have not previously been provided for. The hope of the board of having a lot of extra money to dispense in the way of additional inspectors, were dashed, the committee refusing to provide for their salaries.

In addition to the decreased necessity for funds, there is the surplus left over from last year to assist in holding down the rate. The Auditor finished his calculations of the amount left over in the various funds yesterday and transmitted them to the Finance Committee. It is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Total: \$244,653 59

NO JOKE.

Dr. Salfeld Wants Baker Street Improved or License to Operate a Team-Alding Cab.

A committee of Oak and Page streets and Ashbury Heights and Sunset Heights property-owners appeared before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors yesterday afternoon to urge the petition of the Association of Improvement Clubs for the appropriation of \$32,500 to the Street Department fund, for the special purpose of permanent street improvements on Oak street, between Baker and Stanyan streets, and on Stanyan street, between Haight and Fulton streets. The committee was headed by C. D. Salfeld, president of the Panhandle Improvement Club, who acted as spokesman. The Finance Committee apparently did not favor an increase of the tax levy, although cognizant of the fact that the improvement of these streets has become an absolute necessity.

Oak street, which is the only thoroughfare which can be used for heavy traffic on account of its easy grades, and which is the only outlet to Ashbury Heights, Sunset Heights and the large territory south of the park, has been for years in a most outrageous condition. In the winter season it is a river of mud and slush, and the water during a storm is deep enough between Cole and Baker streets to float an ordinary sized boat very comfortably, as it is seen repeatedly illustrated by Dr. Salfeld, who keeps a small navy for this purpose. The traffic on Oak street is very heavy in spite of its bad condition. The vehicles keep as much as possible to the car tracks, and generally don't sudge on them, no matter how loudly the gongs of the cars are being sounded; for once off the car tracks they are sure to sink into the street up to the hubs and break down if heavily loaded.

As it appeared to the property-owners' committee that \$32,500, asked for by the Street Department and petitioned for by the Association of Improvement Clubs, would not be appropriated this year, and consequently the street will have to remain for another year in the same disgraceful condition, Dr. Salfeld has applied to the Board of Supervisors for permission to operate a cable car between Baker and Page streets, for the purpose of assisting heavily loaded teams up the grade on to Page street, the charge not to exceed 25 cents per load, and 5 per cent of the gross receipts to be paid into the Street Department fund for the betterment of Oak and Stanyan streets.

In an interview had with the doctor he stated that he is aware that this petition may appear as a huge joke, but that it is not. He thinks that such an arrangement will surely pay expenses, and that it is an absolute necessity. There is hardly a day that numerous breakdowns do not occur, and all teamsters acquainted with the condition of the streets, especially lumber-trucks, carry only half-loads to the district south of Oak and west of Baker street. The doctor hopes that the Board of Supervisors will grant the \$32,500 to the Street Department, which will not increase the

ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD.

The Distinguished Marist Will Preach at the French Church on Bush Street To-Morrow.

The Most Reverend Archbishop Redwood of Wellington, New Zealand, who arrived here on the Monowai Thursday, will preach in English in the French Catholic Church—Notre Dame des Victoires—on Bush street, near Stockton, at the 11 A. M. mass to-morrow.

His Grace is an eloquent speaker and impressive orator, as well as a man distinguished for his scholarly attainments. On his last visit to San Francisco he delivered a sermon at Notre Dame in the presence of a congregation that packed that fashionable place of worship. On this occasion there will be special music, and it is expected that a very large congregation will be present. The prelate, Archbishop Redwood is a member of the Marist order, and consequently is a guest of the Rev. Father Genes at Notre Dame.

He is accompanied by Monsignor Broyer, Bishop of Bamoc, who has spent twenty-two years as a missionary priest among the South Sea Islanders. Monsignor, also a Marist, will be consecrated Bishop in Rome. There are six Bishop-elect members of the Marist order, in the South Sea Islands, and he will be the seventh. After leaving here Archbishop Redwood and Bishop-elect Broyer will proceed to Salt Lake City and visit the Bishop-elect of the province to Milwaukee to meet Archbishop Ireland, who was a classmate of Archbishop Redwood in France for years. They will visit the Marist College in Dundalk, Ireland, and then go to Rome via Paris and Lyons.

STOOD FOR FREE SPEECH

The Labor Council Severely Censures the Police Authorities.

Talk of a Bakers' Strike or Boycott Over a Non-Union Shop. New Officers.

The San Francisco Labor Council held a specially interesting meeting last night at Federation Hall, 1159 Mission street. The attendance was nearly double as large as usual, for the reason that a semi-annual election was held and several matters of importance to labor unions were on the list for discussion.

Delegate T. F. Burns from the Cigar-makers' Union moved that a letter be addressed to all labor unions in San Francisco through the daily press, inviting them to participate with the Labor Council in the celebration of Labor day. An amendment to the effect that each union be invited by a letter from the secretary was made, but Delegate MacArthur suggested that the committee of arrangements was competent to attend to the Labor day matter. The council had decided the question, so he said, at a previous meeting. It was eventually decided to instruct the committee to invite labor unions to participate.

On motion of Delegate Burns the arrest of a socialist Sunday night for speaking on the street was referred to the law and legislative committee. This action on the part of the police authorities was regarded as a suppression of free speech. The committee withdrew, and soon after presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, free speech is an inalienable right granted every American citizen in the untrammelled exercise of which rests the safety of our institutions, particularly at periods such as the present, when the public mind is agitated by impending changes in the fundamental law of the Nation; and whereas, the police of San Francisco have arrested a public speaker, Mark Lester, in the streets of this city, without law and in violation of every principle of liberty and justice; and whereas, the said person has been tried and convicted on the frivolous pretext of obstructing the street, and fined the sum of \$5 by Judge Joachimstein, therefore we, the San Francisco Labor Council, in its assembled body, denounce the action of the police and court as a gross arrogation of authority and a subversion of the exclusive right of the people to make law to the function of the executive and judicial officers; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon all citizens, without regard to creed, color or party, to resist these encroachments as a menace to liberty and the first and most effective step toward the deprivation of the dearest and most inalienable privilege of self-government.

Discussion of the proposed charter was postponed for one week. Communications were received from the Municipal Reform League and the Merchants' Association offering assistance to the council in considering the charter.

H. Blumer, D. G. Poole, D. J. Darr and E. G. L. Hoerber were seated in the council as delegates from Typographical Union No. 21 for the ensuing year. The other delegates of this union are W. C. Ackerman, T. E. Foley, C. E. Hawkes and George L. Taylor.

The following delegates were elected to serve for the next six months as officers of the council:

President, T. F. Burns; vice-president, J. Hill; recording and corresponding secretary, Ed Rosenberg; financial secretary, J. Walters; treasurer, W. C. Ackerman; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas Finnelly. Law and legislative committee—A. Furuseth, T. F. Burns, W. MacArthur, C. E. Hawkes, J. Hill, Thomas Hurd. Trustees—W. MacArthur, P. Weston and D. Rims. Executive committee—N. F. Burns, W. MacArthur, J. Hill, H. Stockton, J. Goodman, C. Berman, George Swable. Organizing committee—Charles Batterman, T. F. Burns, C. E. Hawkes, M. Wistos, A. Furuseth, W. MacArthur, George Swable.

A delegate from the Bakers' Union reported that Dailey & Davis, proprietors of the New England bakeries on Hayes, Desiderado and Sixth streets, were employing non-union men exclusively. The Bakers' Union had endeavored to induce Dailey & Davis to employ union men or to organize their bakeries, but without success. The delegate asked that a committee be appointed by the Labor Council to confer with Dailey & Davis and report the result of the meeting to the Bakers' Union this evening. The council instructed its executive committee to attend to the matter.

Town Talk This Week

Contains a carefully written resume of that interesting question "States to One" and other editorial matter of National and local interest. "Political Chat" deals entertainingly with the personalities of those who help to keep the machine of politics in operation and throws side lights on the doings of men who hold the reins of the municipal government. "General Biff" bestows praise where praise is due and handles the underserving without gloves. "The Social Wrist" contains a charming portrait and sketch of Miss Marie Bolina Voorhies, as well as news of other society people prominent in the local world of fashion. Tom T. Lane's portrait appears upon this week's Town Talk, and the various departments are edited with care, as usual. The drama, music and "Santier's" columns contain brief comments and lively criticisms, the latter, however, being tempered with justice and without any underlying principle of the spirit of criticism. Town Talk is a thoroughly up-to-date journal.

A Notification.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31, 1896. To the Editor of The Call—Dear Sir: As a protection to my friends and the public will you oblige me by giving prominence to the following warning: The undersigned, having learned that certain parties have been solicited to forward his candidacy as a member of the next Legislature, hereby gives notice that such action is without his consent, and is hereby disapproved. Further that he is not a candidate and advises his friends, so solicited, to deny such requests. W. S. Keyes.

ENGLISH CAPITAL FOR RICH MINES

Australia and New Zealand Have Been Reported On.

VISIT OF P. F. MARKS.

Sent by London "Financial News" to Learn the True Prospects.

WILL EXAMINE MINES HERE.

Is Very Favorably Impressed With Districts in N-w Zealand and West Australia.

Percy F. Marks, special correspondent and one of the proprietors of the great Financial News of London, arrived here yesterday from Australia and New Zealand.



Percy F. Marks, Special Correspondent of the London Financial News, Who is Furnishing Exact Information on Mining Districts and Indirectly Guiding the Investment of £200,000,000 of Idle British Capital.

land, where he made a careful examination of the several large mining regions and sent from time to time exact estimates of their prospects to his paper, both by cable and by mail.

He has come to the United States for a similar purpose and will begin with the Cripple Creek district, in Colorado.

The Financial News deals solely with financial matters. It is a daily paper as large as THE CALL, and has an attested circulation of 200,000 copies a day.

Its opinions in regard to business prospects are given great weight in financial circles. As an example of this when Mr. Woods sent word that a certain big district of 80,000 acres in Australia, then receiving a good deal of advertising as a mining district, was really only a good farming country and nothing more, the shares fell a quarter in value the day after the report was published.

In another case a favorable report was followed by an immediate advance of 50 per cent in the price of certain shares.

"There are £200,000,000 of British capital available to-day to be invested in stocks of some kind," said Mr. Marks yesterday. "There is more money floating around now in England to be invested than ever before. It is a condition due to improvement in trade and to the general wealth of England which is a much richer country than most persons have any idea of.

"Our mining news is absolutely unique. No trouble or expense is spared in getting reliable information. You may judge of that from the extent of my present trip. I was traveling in Australia and New Zealand for eight months, reporting regularly by cable and sending letters.

"My impression is, after very careful investigation as to the value of each mine and after very lengthy conversations with practical miners, some of whom have been in the districts almost from the beginning, that the real wealth of New Zealand gold-fields will be found on the deep levels.

"There is one company in particular, the Thames-Bauraki Gold Fields, an English concern, with a very powerful board of directors and immense financial resources, which will bring back to the Thames district the most halcyon days. Before those mines were flooded over 4,000,000 pounds, not ounces, of gold were taken out of that district.

"This company is spending £50,000 in sinking a shaft 2000 feet and is putting in powerful pumping machinery. So bright are the prospects and so much importance is attached to the prospects of this particular mine, the 'Queen of Beauty,' and so important is the business likely to be in the future welfare of the district, that the Government is contributing half the cost of the work. The future of New Zealand as a gold producing country is highly promising, and I am glad to say the mining industry there is being worked and controlled by men of high character and great experience.

"Some of the most prominent English syndicates have gone in for this enterprise to a very large extent. Before I left Australia I met representatives of big Berlin, Paris and New York concerns sent there to look for investments. I learned that all of them had sent home most favorable reports.

"The best days are to come for the mines of East Australia.

"I was never favorably impressed with the gold districts of West Australia, and with Hannan's district in particular. It is about twenty-five miles from the Coolgardie region and in the last year furnished three-fourths of the total gold output credited in the reports to Coolgardie. A great rivalry exists between the two districts, both of which now have railroad connection with Perth, a port forty-five miles distant.

"The absence of water, the lack of fuel, the scarcity of labor, and the increased cost of every necessity of life in the whole West Australia district make it expensive. They have to go down 600 feet before they strike a reef and it costs from \$10 to \$14 a foot for sinking and timbering a shaft. Mining is very much cheaper in New Zealand, for there water is abundant.

"Between £20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 has been invested in West Australia mines, but the investment will not be a poor one in the end. Traveling in West Australia is one of the worst experiences you can undergo. Comforts there are none; necessities are very few, and prices are exorbitant. There is no animal life, but there are some fleas, bugs and other insects. Day by day the district is being opened up now, and soon the railroad is to be extended to the Menzies district far to the northward from Coolgardie, in what is called the bush region—an arid waste.

"In New Zealand there are two great mining regions—the Auckland district of the northern island and the district of the southern island, known as the west coast. The principal one of the Auckland district is the Coromandel and Thames. About ten or fifteen years ago it was at its height. "Then it collapsed after the great alluvial deposits had been cleared off.

REPUBLICANS TALK OF THE FUTURE.

The Party Leaders of the State Meet in an Early Conference.

MANY WERE ON HAND.

Protection Is the Issue and the Platform Is the Party Gospel.

CALIFORNIA IS FOR M'KINLEY.

The Leading Republicans of the State Are on Hand to Talk Part in Pending Councils.

The Republican leaders of the State held an important conference at the Golden Gate Hall on Sutter street yesterday afternoon, and at that conference the prospects of the Republican party in California and the best policy to be pursued during the campaign were discussed at length.

The general result of the conference was that during the coming campaign in California the issue of protection is to be presented as the overshadowing issue which it is; that as regards the financial question it shall be treated strictly in accordance with the Republican platform, which declares for the bimetallic standard which is to be acquired at the earliest possible moment in accordance with an international agreement of the nations, among which the United States is an integral part of a great commercial whole, and that the political prospects of California pointed unerringly to the success of the National Republican ticket.

This important conference was attended by nearly all the members of the State executive committee. Chairman Frank McLaughlin presided and Secretary J. W. Higgins, Irving B. Dudley, Frank P. Flint, H. Z. Osborne, John D. Sprackel and most of the other members of the executive committee were present.

Among the other leading Republicans who attended by invitation were Congressman Bowers and Congressman McLaughlin, who have been renominated for Congress in the Seventh and Sixth districts respectively, and Congressman Barbour, Johnson, A. G. Hilborn and Secretary J. W. Higgins, who were re-nominated in the First, Second, Third and Fifth districts.

Among others who were present were: S. M. Shortridge, Irving M. Scott, W. W. Montague, N. P. Chipman, Horace Davis, Percy B. Morgan, E. B. Carpenter, M. M. Este, W. H. L. Barnes, Jacob H. Neff, W. R. Davis, P. H. Lilienthal, Senator George C. Perkins, Senator S. C. Smith of Kern County, Harvey Lindey and others. This conference was the first of the kind since the Republicans of California in session with the State executive committee of the party adopted and promulgated no particular measures and took no definite action which was put in the form of a resolution or a motion.

The political situation, the prospects of the campaign, the proper policy and the best campaign methods to be pursued by the party in this State, were discussed during the four hours' afternoon session in short speeches delivered by everybody who has been mentioned as present. The result was simply the general campaign idea expressed above and in this general plan of campaign expressed above.

The details and method of the campaign was properly left to the State committee. This morning the Republican State Central Committee will meet in Golden Gate Hall and at this meeting some important measures relating to the campaign may be adopted, although the general direction of the campaign will be left in the hands of the executive committee.

BLAINE REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Large and Enthusiastic Meeting at Knights of Red Branch Hall.

The James G. Blaine Club met at the Knights of the Red Branch Hall last night.

Notwithstanding that the club has been organized only two weeks, it has about 200 names on its rollbook, with a fair prospect of adding 800 more before the 1st of September.

President Desmond is in receipt of two communications, one from the Richmond District and one from the Potrero, inviting him to designate a night in the near future at which he will be present to assist in organizing new clubs in those localities.

The routine business other than the signing of the roll by new members, was dispensed with in order that the members might be entertained with an address by Colonel Roberts on the question of the "Free and Unlimited Coinage of Silver," as proclaimed by the man from Nebraska. Colonel Roberts showed by facts and figures that the free and unlimited coinage of silver would be an injury to the laboring masses in this country.

Edward Burrows, Frank Rice, G. W. Alexander and other speakers followed much upon the same topics.

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE.

A Rousing Meeting of the Republicans Held at Saratoga Hall.

Saratoga Hall was comfortably filled last night by enthusiastic Republicans.

President Frank North occupied the chair and Maurice L. Asher was at the desk.

In order that the first grand hurrah meeting of the league shall be made effective and imposing the executive committee will co-operate with the entertainment committee in all arrangements. Captain J. T. Bachelder was elected to take charge of the drill corps and E. G. Eisen was appointed first lieutenant.

After the routine business had been disposed of short speeches were made by H. W. Smith, Leon Jones, J. J. Gilliole, James E. Field and Major C. W. Kyle, all of which were well received.

The Thirty-Third District.

At a meeting held by the Republicans in the Thirty-third Assembly District last night the following officers were elected:

President, David Ahnon; vice-president, Henry Schulken; secretary, Charles Kaplan; treasurer, Charles Lockrin; sergeant-at-arms, John McQuinn. It was known as the McKinley-Hobart Club of the Thirty-third Assembly District.

The following candidates were endorsed by the club: Thomas E. Graham for Police Judge and William Blatter for Sheriff.

Twenty-Ninth Assembly District.

The executive committee of the Twenty-ninth Assembly District McKinley Club, at a meeting held last night at 733 Howard street, endorsed Bernard Ward for State

Senator for the Seventeenth Senatorial District. Next Friday evening, August 7, a grand mass-meeting by the club will be held at Irish-American Hall.

ELDER AND A TEACHER.

The Expert Says He Saw the Lady Only Once or Twice in His Life.

George W. Elder, being spoken to in regard to the allegation that the Board of Education had appointed Miss Ada Martin to the special charge of a class in the James Lick School, independent of the Superintendent at his (Elder's) solicitation, said the story was rather too silly to talk about.

"Miss Ada Martin has been a teacher in the department for fifteen years," he said. "She has charge of classrooms removed from the Lick School by several blocks. When any of the pupils become unruly she has been compelled to send them to the Superintendent in the distant building. Superintendent Babcock introduced the resolution giving her jurisdiction in such cases. He urged it as for the best interests of the department, and it was passed. The resolution especially provided that there should be no extra salary. That is all there is to it. It is true that I asked a couple of the members to vote for it—some friends of the teacher who were friends of mine having asked me to do so. I can see no harm in that. I never saw the teacher more than once or twice in my life."

OFF TO SANTA CRUZ.

Enjoyable Outing to Take Place Under the Personal Supervision of Colonel Menton.

Chances for Sunday outings are plentiful, but Colonel W. H. Menton's select family excursions have always been famous for excellent management and rational enjoyment. To-morrow the colonel will accompany a party to Santa Cruz by the narrow-gauge route, and many of the best people now in town intend to take advantage of the chance to enjoy a pleasant, safe trip, free from all the drawbacks of the ordinary Sunday excursion.

The party will leave the foot of Market street at 7:45 o'clock in the morning, proceeding to Santa Cruz direct, arriving there about 11 o'clock. After spending five hours by the shore the excursionists will start for home at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, arriving in the City before 8. A feature not to be disregarded is the exceedingly low price of tickets, \$2 being charged for the round trip. Tickets may be procured at the ferry to-morrow morning, or at the Southern Pacific Company's offices under the Grand Hotel.

The Bryan Club.

The Bryan Democratic Club of the Twenty-eighth District held a large and enthusiastic meeting last night at Struckman's Hall, corner of Beale and Polson streets. A large number of new members signed the roll. Considerable enthusiasm was shown by the speakers of the club. Active steps were taken toward making an active campaign.

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