





AGENTS FOR THE PACIFIC NEWS. Sacramento City... Col. Joseph Grant. San Jose... Daily Argus. Benicia... O. N. Davis. New York... Thompson & Hitchcock. Napa... M. H. Kendrick.

Reorganization of the Democratic Party. The time is fast approaching when a reorganization of the Democratic Party of this city and county will become absolute necessary.

The present system of making nominations for city and county officers, is decidedly objectionable, and entirely unsatisfactory to the democratic masses.

In the first place there should be a separate and distinct organization in each Ward, which shall have control over its own territory, with the necessary Ward Committees.

The city and county of San Francisco are Democratic, but the system of injudicious nominations which has been pursued in the past, has led to our defeat.

We say these things, without reference personally, to the men who compose the present Democratic General Committee.

THE SUICIDE.—We find in the Picayune of the last evening, a card from Mr. Hambleton, the husband of the gifted lady who committed suicide on Tuesday evening.

"I therefore, from my heart, attribute the cause of insanity to the evil counsels of Mrs. Kirby, and forgive the young man Coad, whose every action I have most acutely, though silently, watched; for he was a victim as well as my poor wife."

If Mrs. Kirby has been the "fascinating serpent" which Mr. Hambleton charges, who attempted to undermine the virtuous principles of his wife, the indignation of an outraged community, the contempt and scorn of the upright wives and daughters of our citizens, should forever drive her from the stage of California.

SHIPMENT OF TREASURE.—The shipment of gold dust by the three steamers which sailed yesterday, was as follows:

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.—We intimated a day or two ago that three of the proprietors of the Picayune were members of the Legislature, and were forthwith charged with "lying" through the columns of that paper.

GETTING "SPICY."—The two dailies up at San Jose. They seem to partake of the spirit of the Legislature.

"Corrupt and Special Legislation." From an article in the San Jose Argus of yesterday morning, we judge that Hon. F. C. Bennett, member of Assembly from this city, made a personal application of our remarks under the caption to this paragraph, published on Tuesday morning, and that he supposed we intended to impute to him the use of dishonorable means for the purpose of securing to himself the appointment of State Printer by the Legislature.

But while we are ready to say thus much, and relieve most fully and entirely Mr. Bennett from the fancied charge of corruption, we at the same time will take occasion to remark that the position in which he has placed himself, as an applicant for a supposed lucrative office within the gift of a body of men of which he himself is a member, naturally gives rise to suspicions that may do an innocent man injustice.

"If Mr. Bennett is a candidate for State Printer—and we believe that he is—a common desire should dictate to him the propriety of asking to be excused from serving as a member of the Committee on Public Printing, and thereby free himself from being subjected to charges of using his legislative powers to promote his pecuniary interests."

We repeat, if Mr. Bennett wishes to render "the State some service," he cannot expect to command the influence he should possess, while himself seeking official favors.

The Public Lands of California. Our Legislative proceedings have already stated the fact that Senator Green had introduced a resolution, declaring that all the public lands belong to the State, and that Messrs. Green, Douglass and Miller, have been appointed a Committee to report upon the proposition.

1st. In the act of admission the public domain was not relinquished by the people of California to the Federal Government.

2d. That the refusal of Congress in the act of admission to agree to the ordinance of the Convention which framed and adopted the State Constitution, left the public domain with the people of the State.

3d. That in the admission into the Union of all the other States, the public lands were a treaty arrangement between the Federal Government and the State admitted.

The terms of our admission into the Union, were, necessarily, dictated by Congress, and if we act as a State under the bill which passed Congress Sept. 9th, admitting us into the Union, we must do so in accordance with the provisions of that act.

If the Legislature pass an act declaring the public lands the property of the State, it certainly "questions" the title of the United States to such domain.

STEAMER TO MONTEREY AND SAN DIEGO. Among other evidences of the increase of our commerce, we notice that a semi-monthly line has been established between San Francisco and San Diego, touching at the several intermediate ports.

HELD TO BAIL.—Mr. Wm. H. Graham, one of the principals in the late affair of honor, was examined yesterday before the Recorder, and held to answer at the District Court in the sum of \$5,000.

RULES OF THE ASSEMBLY.—We are indebted to the publishers of the San Jose Argus for a beautifully executed copy of the Rules and Orders of the Assembly, and the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly.

DEMOCRATIC GENERAL COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Committee was called for last evening, but no quorum being present, nothing was done.

Dinner on Board the Gold Hunter. Last evening, at seven o'clock, a large party assembled on board the fine steamer Gold Hunter, by invitation of her gentlemanly commander, Capt. Hall, for the purpose of partaking of a magnificent dinner, prepared in a style unsurpassed by the best hotels.

After discussing the good things prepared with excellent taste and skill, by the Steward of the boat, the evening was spent in speeches and toasts. The press was largely represented—and in reply to a complimentary sentiment, Judge Crane, of the Courier, made a very sensible and agreeable speech.

To a toast referring to the fine vessel on which they were assembled, Capt. Hall called upon our old friend, T. J. Dyer, of the Oregonian, to respond, who made a speech in his usual practical and forcible style.

The Gold Hunter leaves this afternoon for Portland, Oregon, and we would cheerfully commend her to the traveling public.

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Our Oregon Correspondence. PORTLAND, Oregon Ter., Jan. 1st, 1851. A HAPPY NEW YEAR, to you, my dear sirs. Be seated—don't rise—its only my little messenger that greets you, and not me in person, for I am here, on this little white spot, amid the wild wilderness of the Great West, and not at San Francisco.

You are probably aware that I left San Francisco December 24th, of the old year, on the steamer Gold Hunter, bound on a tour of observation up the waters of the great Columbia.

The Columbia is about ten miles wide at its mouth, and is divided in its centre by a sand bar, forming two channels, one at the north, and the other at the south. We entered the river through the South Channel, and a most difficult and dangerous channel it is too.

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At the mouth of the Willamette we were detained over night by fog. Monday morning at seven o'clock, we lifted anchor and entered the mouth of this beautiful river, and after two hours' steaming, were safely landed at this enterprising and rapidly growing city.

The first hombre I made for was our mutual friend, T. J. Dyer, editor of the "Oregonian," for a most hearty welcome I received at his hands. It seemed like meeting one I had loved in childhood's days.

The "Oregonian" is decidedly the best paper in Oregon, barring its politics, which happen to be of a nature to excite a little of the "blue-devil" in the bosom of every true Oregonian.

I must now draw my scratching to a close, already spun out to a great length; I fear too much so to be acceptable to your readers.

Record of the City Courts. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1851. SUPREME COURT.—Hon. S. C. Hastings, Chief Justice; Hon. H. A. Lyons and N. Bennett, Associate Justices.

Board of Health vs. Pacific Mail Steamship Company.—This action is brought under the 12th section of an "Act providing for the creation of a Marine Hospital for the State of California."

The People, ex. rel. Attorney-General vs. Henry M. Naglee.—The Legislature, at its last session, passed an act requiring foreigners, in order to have the privilege of mining in this State, to procure a license for that purpose.

In the matter of Henrie, on habeas corpus.—The prisoner was ordered to be discharged. Tolier vs. Sparks.—Judgment affirmed. White vs. Amys.—Dismissed. D. W. Perley, collector for defaultant.

Superior Court.—Hon. J. Caleb Smith, Associate Justice. Blake vs. Cronin, et al.—Continued by consent. White, for plaintiff; Blackett, for defendant.

Egan et al. vs. Gillespie.—Suit for work done on the hotel New World. Jury being waived, the Court fined for plaintiff in the sum of \$2310—in favor of Levi Hunt, \$1008; in favor of Patrick Shos, \$920—and direct the sale of property and payment of plaintiffs, pro rata.

Clark vs. G. Simpson, et al.—For contempt. Court discharged the Harbor Master, and took the case as relates to other defendants under advisement. Heydenfeldt and Morse for plaintiff; Clarke for defendant.

Berkinshaw vs. Salmon.—Suit for \$1250, for lumber, alleged to have been put in defendant's hands, as agent and by him appropriated.—Jury waived, and case taken under consideration. Brooks, Shepherd and McCracken for plaintiff—Satterlee, for defendant.

O'Connor vs. Stack and Wilson.—For contempt, and also on motion to place Receiver heretofore appointed, in the possession of the partnership estate of plaintiff and defendant. Cause continued. O'Connor for plaintiff; Heydenfeldt and Morse for defendant.

Before Judge SHATTUCK.—Charles B. Young vs. J. B. Sturzenegger. Judgment by default. McGay for plaintiff. Callard vs. Matheuse.—Demurrer submitted without argument.

Peter Miray vs. Ship Andalusia.—Tried by a jury, and rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$508 83. Rabbe and Bell for plaintiff; Groat and Furman for defendant.

Weber vs. McCarthy.—Continued. Hall for plaintiff; Smith, Heydenfeldt and Morse, for defendant. Sparks vs. City of San Francisco.—Continued. Halleck, Penahy and Billings for plaintiff; Smith, Heydenfeldt and Morse for defendant.

RECORDERS COURT.—Hon. F. Tifford, presiding. Joseph C. Palmer vs. Charles Duane.—Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$1010. C. C. Webb vs. A. J. Grayson.—Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$755.

FRONTIERS.—We are informed that a project is on foot for the erection of a theatre designed for the use of the French company who have been performing in this city.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE. TUESDAY, JANUARY 14. IN SENATE.—Henry E. Robinson, Senator from Sacramento, appeared and was sworn in.

The bill concerning seals and sealed instruments introduced yesterday by Mr. Broderick, was read a second time, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

The reports of the State Treasurer, Surveyor General, State Printer, and State Treasurer, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, were read.

Mr. Crosby, chairman of the Judiciary committee, reported two bills. The first was the bill to repeal "an act for the better regulation of the mines and government of foreign miners," with amendments.

The second section was struck out of the foreign miners bill. This section enacts that the act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage; so that collectors who have not made their return, are still bound by their obligations.

The amendments to the miners bill were adopted; and the rules having been suspended both bills were read a second and third time, and passed.

The joint resolutions asking Congress to refund the expenditures, made by the State of California, in suppressing hostilities, were received from the Assembly, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

The bill entitled an act for the repeal of an "act regulating the quarantine of vessels in the port and harbor of San Francisco," was discussed at considerable length by Messrs. Heydenfeldt, Green, Broderick, and Robinson, but the 29th rule forbidding the consideration of a bill after the papers had passed from the possession of the Senate, no action was had.

Mr. Heydenfeldt then gave notice, that the day after to-morrow, he would ask leave to introduce a bill supplementary to an act, to repeal an "act to provide for the creation and erection of a Marine Hospital in the city of San Francisco."

A communication was read from Gen. Vallejo, stating that he was prepared to enter into bonds, with ample security, for the fulfillment of his proposition for the location of the seat of government. It was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

The committee to whom was referred the contested seat documents, in answer to inquiries, thought they would be able to report on Wednesday.

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire what right or title, if any, the State of California has to lands covered by high tide, lying within this State, or lying between high and low water mark, on navigable streams, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Miller submitted the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to communicate to the Senate any information he may have received in relation to Indian difficulties in the county of Mariposa.

On motion of Mr. Douglass, a standing committee on Indian affairs was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Douglass, Miller, Lippincott, Green, Adams, Robinson and Warner.

Mr. Robinson gave notice that an early day he would introduce a bill to prohibit Banks in this State from circulating paper as money. The Senate then adjourned.

IN ASSEMBLY.—The committee on Commerce reported that the bill creating officers of health in San Francisco be repealed. The same passed its third reading, and the question on its final passage being taken, a debate arose in which Messrs. Moore of Tuolumne, and Dr. Robinson of Sacramento, participated.

Mr. Moore thought that until we can have a better law on the subject, we ought to let this stand.

Dr. Robinson thought that the people of San Francisco ought to support the sick in this hospital, in like manner as Sacramento does those from the mines, who pour in upon them in large numbers.

Mr. Carr desired to see the State Marine hospital bill so framed as to cover the whole ground, and not burden the city of San Francisco.

The bill was then laid on the table for a few days.

Mr. E. B. Kellogg, of Santa Cruz, reported a joint resolution, in which moneys collected prior to the admission of California, ought to be refunded to this State; and that our senators and representatives in Congress be instructed to ask for the same in our behalf.

Mr. Kellogg observed that the moneys collected belonged to three classes: 1. That collected during the war. 2. That collected between the treaty of peace and the establishment of a civil government; and 3. That collected since. To whom, then, said he, do these moneys belong? They were not collected under the revenue laws of the United States, who have never expended any thing in behalf of this country, &c.

Mr. Field submitted a resolution asking for the passage of a law by Congress refunding to this State the moneys thus collected.

Dr. Robinson rose to give some reasons, as asked for by the gentleman from Sacramento, (Mr. Lisle) why the moneys collected should be refunded to this State. He stated that the money below given was not paid any part of it, as we had done. Nor was it right to give it to the importer, who had derived his profits on goods already. He thought, then, that reasons ought to be shown why the moneys should not be paid over to this State.

Repeal of Foreign Miners' Tax, and the bill requiring Alcaldes, &c., to give any account. Both bills were read a second time, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Thorn of San Francisco, gave notice that he should, to-morrow, introduce a bill creating a State Hospital.

Mr. Richardson gave notice that on Saturday next, he should introduce a bill creating a State loan, not for the purpose of making a new indebtedness, but to cancel that now outstanding.

Mr. Moore gave notice that he should, to-morrow, introduce a motion for the repeal of the standing rule requiring the House to adjourn at three o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

SALES AT AUCTION.—Middleton & Hood will sell, at 10 o'clock, at their ware-room on Washington street, a great variety of merchandise, consisting of brandy, pork, ham, champagne, corn meals, claret, &c., etc.

H. B. Lafitte & Co., Montgomery street, offer great inducements to the trade, at their sale this day, at ten o'clock. Their assortment embraces brown and loaf sugar, sardines, Chile flour, barley, butter, hams, pork, potatoes, wines, liquors, &c.

Cronise, Brothers & Co., Montgomery st. corner Jackson, will sell without reserve, at half-past eleven o'clock, a large invoice of merchandise, including sixteen thousand gallons pure Polar oil.

We are requested to state that the company who sail in the ship "Chester," for Gold Bluff, have engaged the services of an eminent refiner and smelter. Samples of the sand can be seen at the Secretary's office, Central wharf.





