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TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 7, 1851.

News from the Sacramento Valley. SPECTACULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.—About twenty-two miles from this city, on the road to Rough and Heady, the mutilated body of a person has been found...

Mining on Scott's river. between Salmon and Shasta. is reported to be very successful. It is said that not a single rocker is in use...

Mr. J. Koop, a gentleman whose statements can be received with credence, informed us that his brother had discovered a mine on Scott's River...

We learn from the Transcript that Gen. Lane, who served gallantly in the army, and was afterwards appointed Governor of Oregon...

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. SUPREME COURT.—Hon. H. A. Lyons and N. Bennett associates Justices.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. SUPERIOR COURT.—Chief Justice Murray, Associate Justices Shattuck and Smith.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. MIDDLETON et al vs Ballingall et al. By consent of parties, previous order of non-suit is set aside.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. KENDIG, Wainwright & Co. vs Alfred Melhado. Judgment by default. McGay for plaintiff.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. SNOW vs Halstead. Motion to set aside appeal bond overruled.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. GARRISON et al vs Wood & Raymond. Motion to dissolve attachment overruled.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. MCHENRY for plaintiff. Haves for deft. Geo. F. Seymour vs Jas. T. Loring. Judgment by default. Ryan for pliff.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. ORDERED that the receiver heretofore appointed by the Court for the estate of J. B. Lippincott, do them. Wm. Smith for pliff; Clark and Wilson for deft.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. FRANKLIN Kinsman vs Benj. Heywood, et al. Cause argued and submitted.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. JEREMIAH Rainey, petitioner, vs J. C. Hays, respondent. Prisoner remanded into custody.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. EDWARD Pugh vs Capt. Gilliam. Demurrer overruled, with leave for the defendant to answer.

Records of the Courts. SATURDAY, JAN. 4. PETER Green vs David A. Looze & Henry A. Cheares. Ordered that plaintiff have leave to answer complaint.

EXPRESSES. GREGORY'S EXPRESS. TO THE UNITED STATES.—Having insurance policies in the Atlantic, Mutual, and other offices...

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## AGENTS FOR THE PACIFIC NEWS.

**SACRAMENTO CITY.**—Col. JOSEPH GRANT, San Jose; Wm. P. ATWOOD, San Francisco; J. M. DAVIS, New York; THOMAS G. WATSON, San Francisco; H. M. KENDRICK, New York.

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Mr. FLETCHER, type-founder, from New York, will confer a favor by calling on the editor of the Pacific News to-day, by sending his address to the office.

## News from the Santa Clara Valley.

The second number of the San Jose Daily Argus reached us last night.

By the list of arrivals at the hotels, we should judge that the Capital is fast filling up with representatives and outsiders. The Argus contains a very judicious and sensible article in relation to the course which should be pursued by the present Legislature.

The stable of Mr. Martin, of San Jose, was entered on Saturday evening, and eight horses taken. A man named John Gowan was arrested for the offense, but there not being sufficient evidence to warrant his detention, was discharged.

## Project to Light San Francisco with Gas.

One of the most desirable public improvements, now that our streets are well planked and drained, is the location of lamps for the purpose of lighting up the dark passages, making the path of the footman conveniently distinct for safe pedestrianism. To do this by means of oil lamps, would be expensive, and would, at the best, be but indifferently accomplished, even though extravagance and waste had not already impoverished the city treasury. Other means must necessarily be resorted to, and private or associated enterprise must carry forward so desirable and important an improvement.

With a view to the organization of a company, having for its object the lighting of the city with gas—a method far more desirable than any other—a petition was presented to the Common Council, at their meeting last evening, by Messrs. FRANCIS E. TURPIN and FIRMEN LEFFERIER, in which these gentlemen propose to enter into a contract with the city to construct, at their own expense, suitable and sufficient gas-works, in a convenient location, and to lay the necessary pipe along such streets and alleys as shall be deemed advisable, within the region bounded by Sanson, Powell, Bush and Broadway streets. Of course, these are only the limits prescribed for the present, to be extended as necessity shall require.

The petitioners propose to make all the necessary repairs to the streets, through which the pipes are laid, at their own expense, and supply all the lamps that may be erected by the city, with gas of good quality, at cost price, or at the rate of fifty cents per burner, nightly, and also to furnish the public Plaza with magnetic light, free of charge. They also bind themselves to have the works in successful operation within twelve months from the time of the execution of the contract.

This is the proposition on the part of the gentlemen named, and those associated with them, and in consideration, they ask, on the part of the city, that they shall be guaranteed the exclusive privilege, during the term of ten years from the date of the contract, of supplying that portion of the city designated, with gas, for public or private consumption, and that the personal property of the company, employed in the construction and management of such works, shall be exempt from taxation. At the expiration of the ten years, it is optional with the authorities to extend the contract, or to purchase the works at a fair valuation by appraisers. For the faithful performance of their part of the contract, the petitioners design giving good and satisfactory security.

The only provision in all this, is that asking the exclusive privilege of supplying the city with gas, within prescribed limits, for ten years. But in order to put the proposed work into successful operation, the company must necessarily expend an immense amount of money, without any hope of a return even of the principal of the investment, for a long time, and it would be no more than justice to them that they should be protected as far as possible for so large an outlay. Competition always accomplishes more for the public interest than exclusive privileges, but in the proposition for the construction of an improvement so desirable in every way, we see nothing that should be regarded as an insurmountable objection. The city is not required to pay a farthing from its treasury, and of course the public purse will be exempt from taxation. We trust that the proposition will meet with favorable and prompt consideration on the part of the authorities.

**WASHINGTON GUARDS.**—This corps met last evening, at the Philadelphia House, Jackson street, for the purpose of re-organizing, and elected the following officers:

Captain ..... A. BASTOL.  
1st Lieutenant ..... EDWARD BARRY.  
2d do ..... EDWARD NILES.  
3d do ..... E. R. STETSON.

They meet this evening, at their armory, for the purpose of electing non-commissioned officers.

**GOOD.**—The City Marshal has issued orders, not to be misunderstood by those concerned, forbidding any policeman from gambling, whether "on or off from duty, under penalty of expulsion from the department." This is as it should be, although we are not aware that any of our police force can be charged with the practice.

**APPOINTED.**—We have heretofore neglected to notice the appointment of Wm. H. GRAHAM, Esq., as Collector of County License taxes, in place of O. BAILEY, Esq., elected Justice. Mr. G. is a very prompt and correct business man, and will discharge the duties faithfully.

**RE-ARRESTED.**—Geo. Leonard, who was committed some three months since for trial, on charge of having stabbed a man in Pacific street, and broke out of the station house and fled the city, was arrested again about 3 o'clock yesterday morning at the El Dorado, by officers Thompson and Morse.

**PACIFIC MARINE INSURANCE CO.**—We are requested by the Secretary of the P. M. Ins. Co., Mr. Lafitte, to state that the Stock Book will be again opened for subscriptions, this (Tuesday) morning, at 9 o'clock, at the banking-house of F. Argenti & Co.

## Our San Jose Correspondence.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 2, 1851.

Editors of the Pacific News:  
My attention has often been called of late by persons here, to some articles in the San Francisco Herald and Public Balance, respecting efforts alleged to be made to remove the sessions of the Legislature for the present winter to San Francisco. The people of San Jose appear to be under special anxiety respecting this movement, in consequence of the very marked friendship which has been shown them by these two journals in their discussions of this question. This is the more remarkable when it is considered that the Herald has made special efforts to extend its circulation in this city, and has persuaded many in former times to consider it as peculiarly friendly to the interests of the people here.

But "we shall see what we shall see." The special pleadings of the Herald on any question are generally the result of motives too apparent to need any serious attempt at refutation. Besides, their reasonings are too much after the fashion of a school boy's debating society, to demand any.

All those who have come to California not "for a day," feel an interest in the question of the location of the Capital of this State, and they feel willing, too, that this, like all other questions to be decided by the Legislature, should rest entirely upon its own merits. If San Jose be not adjudged, upon a fair and impartial trial, to be the most fitting site for the Capital, then let it not be such. These are my views of the matter. All "special pleadings," petty influences, and sinister designs are to be "set aside." The effort to compass an end by such means is too shallow and proreposterous to be countenanced for a moment; and whatever may come of it temporarily, is sure to be so regarded in the end.

I have no patience with the whole class of men who are aiming to make "fortunes" out of their little efforts "for a day." Thinking, as they do, that by some lucky combination of chances—they know not exactly how—they shall come out winners, they ally themselves with the great "independent" party of "free-thinkers," and run their race, coming out as "fortune" may "turn up." No solid advantages can accrue to society by the direct results of their labors, and they subserve the public good only in like manner as do the seton, or the scarifier of the surgeon in cutting the maladies of the diseased animal economy.

All true friends of this State must desire to see the legislation of the State, and of course, its future Capital, in the language of Col. Weller, as used in a conversation with me in August, 1849, "remote from the corrupting influences of a great commercial city." We were making the voyage from San Diego to San Francisco in the noble steamer Panama, and had just rounded the point at the entrance to the harbor of Monterey, and in the remarkably transparent atmosphere of that place, we were looking out upon the town at an early hour of the morning. The little fishes could be seen at immense depths in the green waters of the bay, and hazy porpoises were "munching" them at their leisure; and then slowly rising to the surface, and slowly plunging into the wantonness of all the keels of the shipping, and huge rocks and caves of the deep, could be distinctly described as in "a sea of molten glass," and with the same beautiful effect as is witnessed on the far-famed "Bahama Banks."

The sentinel from the height occupied by the barracks, had just descried the black hulls of the Panama slowly and quietly creeping along into the interior harbor; and the echoes of the booming gun of the fort had just died away among the hill-tops, and through the tall groves of the dark cypresses. "This pretty place, Colonel," said I, "is the Capital of Alta; do you think it is likely to continue so?" "Indeed, it is impossible to tell," said he. "It may be for the present; but it is impossible to determine what will be the future of this country."

As we all know, in October following, the site of the Capital was removed from Monterey, and located temporarily at San Jose; and the candid judgment of all visitors to this Valley, has approved the change. But in the lapse of time and amid the multiplied cares since, I have not forgotten, among the innumerable remembrances of a most eventful journey, from Philadelphia to San Francisco, which was brought to a close on the evening of the day above referred to, the calm and impressive remarks of Col. Weller, respecting "the corrupting influence of a great commercial city." And the present moment seems to me to be a time peculiarly fitting for the remembrance of all our citizens of the sagacious remark of the great politician, who certainly did not then foresee an issue like that alleged now to exist, if we may believe the San Francisco Herald.

**SABBATH DESACRATIONS.**—A correspondent writes us in reply to an article in a morning paper, about "things theatrical which should be remembered," and expresses surprise that in its condemnation of minor things, it should not have denounced the practice of theatrical and circus representations on the Sabbath. Our correspondent also puts on paper some severe strictures in regard to the publication of a Sunday paper, but as that is a private business matter, it is no concern of ours to meddle with it. If the community do not require a Sunday paper, they will ascertain that fact themselves, and act accordingly.

**OUR NEXT SENATOR.**—The Whig paper at Sacramento, in its edition of Saturday, takes ground most resolutely against the selection of a Senator from San Francisco, or hereabouts; and as determinedly insists upon some man being selected from Sacramento. It does not, however, name a candidate, but after a lengthy appeal to the local prejudices of its readers, closes with the following eloquently turned sentence:

"Then let your voice be heard, citizens, not only in the whispered tones of the breezes of Sacramento, but in the loud thunders of Nevada. Let the cry go up from the vast multitudes of the Northmen, a Senator!"

**SANSOME STREET.**—We are pleased to observe that the Street Contractors have commenced the good work of grading and planking Sansome street, from Broadway to Jackson, and that they are pushing it forward with evident zeal and alacrity.

**A HEAVY CHAIN.**—A gentleman in Sacramento made his usual New Year's calls, on Wednesday, wearing a specimen gold chain which weighed within an ounce and a half of four pounds!

## Record of the Courts.

MONDAY, JAN. 6.

THE SUPREME COURT has adjourned until next Tuesday. Chief Justice Hastings is absent on a visit to Sacramento.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Hon. D. O. Shattuck, Associate Justice.

Henry A. Breed vs. Ichabod Goodwin, et al.—Judgment by default against three of the defendants. Motion to dissolve attachment overruled. Wm. Smith for plaintiff; Hager for defendant.

Hamilton Bowje vs. City of San Francisco.—The counsel for defendant failing to appear, judgment entered for plaintiff in the sum of \$5068 50. Bowie and McDougall for plaintiff; Holt for defendant.

G. W. Bradley vs. John Hull and James Wightman.—The time of answering having expired, on motion of counsel for plaintiff, judgment is given for plaintiff in the sum of \$10,680 61, with interest. Decree ordered for sale of house known as New World Hotel, unless the sum be paid before day of sale. Whitman for State.

Goire et al. vs. Braguis.—Continued. Vason & Hubert for plaintiff; Holland & Pillet for defendant.

Grey vs. Palmer, et al.—Cause continued, no counsel appearing.

THE DISTRICT COURT was not in session today, owing to the absence of Judge Parsons, who is on duty at Sonoma. He will probably return this evening.

PROBATE COURT.—Hon. R. N. Morrison, presiding.

In the matter of the estate of John Johnson, deceased, ordered that the petition of Robt J. Stevens, praying for letters of administration, be heard on the 17th inst.

In the matter of the estate of Jose C. Bernal, deceased, ordered that citation issue against Isaac N. Thorne, returnable on the 11th inst., to show cause why letters of administration should not be revoked.

In the matter of the estate of Benj. F. Folger, deceased, ordered that notice of publication be given for all parties interested, to appear, to show cause why the estate of decedent should not be sold to pay standing liabilities. Frank M. Pixley appointed counsel for widow and absent heirs.

Estate of Margaret Gibbeson, deceased.—On petition of E. Gallagher, it is ordered that publication be made to parties interested, to show cause why petitioner should not have power to sell real estate to satisfy standing liabilities.

RECORDED'S COURT.—Hon. F. Tilford presiding.

James Watson and Thomas Miller, were arrested for a breach of the peace. No complaint of witness appearing, they were both discharged.

STEAMBOAT COMPETITION.—A spirit of rivalry exists among the different boats plying to Sacramento and Stockton. Passengers and freight are taken at almost nothing. In fact, one boat brought down a large number of passengers from Stockton free of charge, rather than the other boats should have the benefit of their patronage. It is impossible to go down Long Wharf in the evening, without being beset on all sides by an intolerable crowd of runners, who not only beg the favor of taking you up, but have in some instances forced passengers, by taking the baggage out of their hands, and stowing it away in the boat. It is rather amusing to listen to their eloquence in decanting upon the fine qualities and splendid accommodations of their respective crafts.

WENT TO SAN JOSE.—A Whig editor has gone to San Jose, to "instill Whig principles into the heads of Locofoco legislators." This may be a very laudable object for making such a journey, especially as the editor in question is perfectly disinterested about every other question which the present Legislature has in charge! "The piles" which prevented his swinging from the dock "on the Billy Robinson," are nothing when compared with the stumbling blocks at the Capital in the way of ambition?

A RICH SPECIMEN.—The richest appearing gold specimen which has yet come under our eye, is the one offered by STEDMAN & WHITE, Clay street, as the last prize in their grand lottery, soon to be drawn. The specimen attracts a crowd daily, and the tickets go off like ATWELL'S music and Chinese curiosities. We should like to be the fortunate possessor of the ticket which shall draw the chunk of gold.

MAYOR'S SALARY.—The bill, heretofore passed by the Board of Assistants, giving the Mayor a salary of \$10,000, was last evening passed in the first Board. As his honor is absent, the acting Mayor will no doubt affix his signature, without hesitation, and thus our gallant City Executive will be paid, whether he wills it or not—unless he should refuse to receive scrip!

EVENING SPORTS.—There was quite a row at the Bella Union, Saturday evening, in which tumblers and decanters were freely brought in requisition. There was no particular damage done, save a few blacked eyes and sore heads. One fellow who came off second best, was in so great a hurry to escape, that he dropped his hat, and did not take time to recover it.

FIRE FURNITURE.—We perceive by their advertisement that Messrs. CALDWELL & EMERSON, the popular auctioneers, will sell a large lot of desirable furniture on Friday morning. Gentlemen wishing to furnish private rooms will find this a capital opportunity.

CLEAN OFFICES.—Messrs. Morgan & Co., of Clay street, have on sale, a capital article in the mat line, made of Cocoa nut husks. It is just the thing for keeping mud out of offices in the present state of the weather and it is as durable as it is cheap.

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.—The bill giving the Aldermen a salary of \$3000, was last evening indefinitely postponed in the first Board. The Assistants had passed the bill, giving each \$4000.

A "BULL."—The San Jose Argus is responsible for the following "bull":

"Berford & Co. put us in possession of the EVENING PICAYUNE of Saturday MORNING, at an early hour last night."

PAY OF THE POLICE.—The Board of Aldermen, last evening, passed a resolution, authorizing the Comptroller to issue scrip to the police, in sufficient sums to make their pay equal to cash.

AUCTION TAXES.—By a notice in another column, from C. E. BUCKINGHAM, Esq., County Treasurer, it will be seen that another quarter's auction tax was due yesterday.

## Common Council.

MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 6th.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—Present, Aldermen Green, (President) Middleton, Minturn, Selover and Stewart.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions.—Of Moses G. Leonard, to have Scrip made equal to cash; referred to the Finance Committee. Of G. W. Ensign, calling the attention of the Council to the condition of the burying-ground at the North Beach, accompanied with a proposition to fence the same at an expense of \$2000; referred to the Com. on Police.

Communications.—From F. D. Kohler, Esq., Chief Engineer, asking an appropriation of \$10,000 for building Water Tanks at the foot of California, Sacramento, Washington and Pacific streets. Also a further appropriation of \$5000 for the necessary repairs to the engines and fire apparatus. An ordinance was passed appropriating the sums asked for.

A message was received from Ald. Green, Acting Mayor, approving the ordinance appropriating \$10,000 for the relief of the City Hospital.

A resolution instructing the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to advertise the sale of the city property in the Sacramento papers, was concurred in.

An ordinance, defining the duties of the city sexton, in regard to the city cemetery, returned with amendments, which were concurred in.

Mr. Selover presented the report of the commissioners on land titles, which was accepted, and a motion to print 1000 copies, adopted.

A proposition to light the city with gas was referred to the Finance Committee.

A memorial from the police department, signed by all the members, asking for relief, was read, and the comptroller was directed to issue scrip to the members of police, sufficient to make their present pay equal to cash.

A resolution was passed, instructing the city sexton to make a report to the Council of all deaths and burials, and all monies which have passed through his hands in the performance of his duties.

A resolution was passed, authorizing the Street Commissioner to remove the hay-scales corner of California and Sanson streets.

An ordinance for the planking of Broadway, from Ohio to Battery street, was adopted.

The City Physician reported improvements made upon the city hospital, together with the bills of expenses incurred, amounting to \$5,486 42. Report accepted, and the necessary appropriation made to pay the same.

The Hospital Steward reported disbursements of the sum of \$1800, since the last meeting of the Board. Report accepted and bills passed.

The City Physician reported sundry bills for services of persons attached to the Hospital, total \$810. Bills ordered paid.

An ordinance from the other Board fixing the 20th of January for the election of two Aldermen and an Assistant Alderman, concurred in.

The Street Commissioner reported adverse to the petition of Duvers and Smith. Also adverse to the bill for numbering the houses in the city. Reports accepted.

A communication was received from the City Marshal, asking the appointment of a clerk, which was referred to the Finance committee.

The Street Commissioner reported the assessment for improvements on Broadway, from Bakery street to the water, and of Stockton street from Filbert to Vallejo street, with usual ordinance. Ordinance confirmed.

The ordinance giving the Mayor a salary of \$10,000 per annum, was passed.

The ordinance providing for paying the Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen \$3,000 each, per annum, was taken up, and on motion of Ald. Stewart was laid on the table indefinitely.

Adjourned to Monday evening next.

ASSISTANT ALDERMAN.—Present, Aldermen Wilson, Van Ness, Green, Sharron, Grant and Stewart. Ald. Wilson in the Chair.

Petitions.—From Mr. Carter and James Hess to be appointed Keeper of City Hall. From Moses G. Leonard, wishing to be reimbursed for difference between cash and scrip, for constructing a wharf and furnishing piles to the city. Referred to committee on streets. From J. L. Riddle & Co., to be paid for property destroyed by order of the authorities during the fire of the 14th of last June. Referred to committee on Fire and Water.

An ordinance from Board of Aldermen, appropriating \$5000 for use of hospital, was concurred in.

A resolution authorizing the steward of the hospital to sell lamps, &c., was passed.

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The Indians are on the most friendly terms with the whites, causing them no trouble whatever. Salmon or Smith's river can be reached in small boats or canoes from the mouth of the Klamath, in 5 to 7 days. The most implicit reliance can be placed on these items of my informant; and I am further reliably assured from sources that reach my ears almost daily, that the wealth of the Klamath River is attracting the attention of multitudes in both the northern and southern mines, who are determined to push thither at the first opportunity in the coming spring.

A fortune will be quickly realized by the first light draught steamboats that are put on the Klamath river; and by the way, I am informed a stern-wheel boat will be necessary, as the current of that river is quite rapid in some places, in carrying up passengers and some of the surplus provisions and goods with which the market of San Francisco is at present flooded. C.

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