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TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 11, 1851.

Randolph and Clay—Incidents of a Duel. We select from the biography of John Randolph, by Hugh A. Garland, the following account of a duel between the two men.

"The night before the duel," says Gen. James Hamilton, of South Carolina. "Mr. Randolph sent for me. I found him calm, but in a singularly kind and confiding mood. He told me that he had something on his mind to tell me. He then remarked, 'Hamilton, I have determined to receive, without returning, Clay's fire; nothing shall induce me to harm a hair of his head: I will not make his wife a widow, or his children orphans. Their tears would be shed over his grave; but when the soul of Virginia rests on my bosom, there is not in this wide world one individual to pay this tribute upon mine.' His eyes filled, and resting his head upon my hand, we remained some moments silent. I replied, 'My dear friend, for ours was a sort of posthumous friendship, bequeathed by our mothers, I deeply regret that you have mentioned this subject to me; for you call upon me to go to the field, and to see you shot down, or to assume the responsibility, in regard to your own life, in sustaining your determination to throw it away. But on this subject, a man's own conscience, and his own bosom are the best monitors. I will not advise, but under the enormous and unprovoked personal insult you have offered Mr. Clay, I cannot dissuade. I feel bound, however, to communicate to Colonel Tattnell your decision.' He begged me not to do so, and said 'he was very much afraid that Tattnell would take the studs and to refuse to go out with him.' I, however, sought Col. Tattnell, and we repaired about midnight to Mr. Randolph's lodgings, whom we found reading Milton's great poem. For some moments he did not permit us to say one word in relation to the approaching duel, and he at once commenced one of those delightful criticisms on a passage of this poet in which he was wont so enthusiastically to indulge. After a pause, Col. Tattnell remarked, 'Mr. Randolph, I am told you have determined not to return Mr. Clay's fire; I must say to you, my dear sir, if I am only to go out to see you shot down, you must find some other friend. Mr. Randolph remarked that such was his determination. After much conversation on the subject, I induced Col. Tattnell to allow Mr. Randolph to take his own course, as his withdrawal, as one of his friends, might lead to very injurious misconstructions. At last, Mr. Randolph, smiling, said, 'Well, Tattnell, I promise you one thing, if I see the devil in Clay's eye, and that with malice prepense he means to take my life, I may change my mind.' A remark, I knew, he made merely to propitiate the anxieties of his friend, Mr. Tattnell.

"Mr. Clay and himself met at four o'clock the succeeding evening, on the banks of the Potomac. But he saw 'no devil in the eye of Mr. Clay; but a man fearless, and expressing the mingled sensibility and firmness which belonged to the occasion. 'I shall never forget this scene, as long as I live. It has been my misfortune to witness several duels, but I never saw one, at least in its sequel, so deeply affecting. The sun was just setting behind the blue hill of Randolph's own Virginia. Here were two of the most extraordinary men our country in its prodigal had produced, about to meet in mortal combat. Whilst Tattnell was loading Randolph's pistol, I approached my friend, I believed, for the last time. I took his hand; there was not in his touch the quivering of one pulsation. He turned to me and said, 'Clay is calm, but not vindictive—I hold my purpose, Hamilton, in any event; remember this.' On handing him his pistol, Col. Tattnell sprang the hair trigger. Mr. Randolph said, 'Tattnell, although I am one of the best shots in Virginia, with either a pistol or gun, yet I never fire with the hair trigger; besides, I have a thick buckskin glove on, which will destroy the delicacy of my touch, and the trigger may fly before I know where I am. But from his great solicitude for his friend, Tattnell insisted upon having the trigger. On taking their position, the fact turned out as Mr. Randolph anticipated; his pistol went off before the word, with the muzzle down.

"The moment this event took place, Gen. Jessup, Mr. Clay's friend, called out that he would instantly leave the ground with his friend, if that occurred again. Mr. Clay at once exclaimed it was an accident, and begged that the gentleman might be allowed to go on. On the word being given, Mr. Clay fired without effect. Mr. Randolph discharging his pistol in the air. The moment that Mr. Clay saw that Mr. Randolph had thrown away his fire, with a gush of sensibility he instantly approached Mr. Randolph, and said, with an emotion I can never forget, 'I trust in God, my dear sir, you are untouched; after what has occurred, I would not have harmed you for a thousand worlds.' The close of this passage in Randolph's career, makes too complete a picture to be omitted. Returning from his mission as Minister to Russia, broken in health, sick at heart—at death's door—he went into the Senate Chamber, and took his seat in the rear of Mr. Clay. That gentleman happened at the time to be on his feet addressing the Senate. 'Raise me up,' said Randolph, 'I want to hear that voice again.' When Mr. Clay had concluded his remarks, which were very few, he turned round to see from what quarter that singular voice proceeded. Seeing Mr. Randolph, and that he was in a dying condition, he left his place and went to speak to him; as he approached, Mr. Randolph said to the gentleman with him, 'Raise me up.' As Mr. Clay offered his hand, he said, 'Mr. Randolph, I hope you are better, sir.' 'No, sir,' replied Randolph, 'I am a dying man, and I came here expressly to have this interview with you.' They grasped hands, and parted, never to meet more.

SAN FRANCISCO PRICES CURRENT.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including flour, sugar, coffee, and other goods. Columns include item names, quantities, and prices.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

THE SUBSCRIBERS have entered into copartnership for the transaction of an Auction and General Commission business, under the name of H. H. HALL & CO.

WM. CARRY JONES and CHARLES B. STRODE, Counselors and Attorneys at Law, have formed a copartnership for the State of California.

W. M. HALL & CO. Agents. No. 5 Commercial st. near Central Wharf.

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BUSINESS CARDS.

T. JEFFERSON SMITH, ALLEN T. WILLSON, EDWARD W. TAYLOR. SMITH, WILLSON & TAYLOR, Counselors at Law and Notaries Public.

H. MEIGGS, Lumber Dealer, North Beach. Will sell all kinds of lumber for city wharf.

H. A. COBB, COBB & CO., Auctioneers and General Commission Merchants.

EDMUND PILLET, Commissioner to take Testimony for the County of San Francisco.

WHITING & FRELON, Counselors at Law, Office south side Palace, two doors from Judge Brown's office.

M. FRELON parle Français et Espagnol. KELSEY, SMITH & RUSLEY, Importers and Dealers.

WM. H. HALL & CO., General Commission and Shipping Merchants.

MYERS AND EBERHARDT, Real Estate Agents, and Surveyors.

PARSONS & DEANE, General Shipping Office, Clark's Point.

L. B. HANKS, Dealer in Lumber, Office, Battery Street, No. 1 Gold Street.

JOSEPH GRANT, Auctioneer and Commission Merchant.

THOMAS P. EVERETT, New York Hat and Cap Emporium.

CROSBY & BELKNAP, Attorneys & Commissioners at Law.

R. F. RYAN, Attorney and Counselor at Law.

WM. NEWELL, Sexton and Undertaker.

JOHN J. THORP, Notary Public.

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PROSPECTUS.

OF THE SAN JOSE DAILY ARGUS. EARLY LAST SUMMER we announced our intention to issue a paper at the Pueblo de San Jose; but untoward circumstances prevented the fulfillment of that design.

Our arrangements for a new enterprise, and for a purpose so long deferred, will be put into execution without delay. We announce, therefore, to our friends in San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley, that a new journal under the above title will be commenced on or about the First day of January, 1851, and be published DAILY, feeling confident, as we do, that the patriotism and public spirit of the citizens of the Valley will amply sustain us in such an undertaking. We begin this enterprise without the subscription of a single dollar in its behalf from any source; yet the number of success signs to show a demand upon our hopes.

It is our design to give full daily reports of both branches of the Legislature, together with the proceedings of a public assembly, as well as all other matters of interest at the Capital—in the Valley, and throughout California. This important feature will render the ARGUS a valuable desideratum to all classes of our readers in every part of the State, and to their consideration and subscription we trust that it will commend itself.

In politics, the ARGUS will be Democratic in the core; and while treating public men and measures with courtesy and fairness, will nevertheless endeavor on every occasion to maintain unimpaired the principles of Democracy; believing, as we do, that the able exposition and defence of these by JEFFERSON, JACKSON, and POLK, and a host of other worthy and true men of the Party of Progress, has established the merits of the Democratic Government of the American Union, than all other causes combined. Our opponents will always know where to find us—so will our friends.

The ARGUS will be issued on a Medium sheet of fine white paper, and fair type. Every kind of Book and Job Printing, Cards, Circulars, Handbills, etc., will be executed at the lowest rates. Call on our office in every part of the State, and to their consideration and subscription we trust that it will commend itself.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION AND ADVERTISING. For One Year, per Mail... For Six Months... For Three Months...

For a Square of 16 Lines, first insertion... Each subsequent insertion... Monthly Advertisements, each square...

Business Cards of 4 lines, per quarter... Legal Advertisements, per Square, as above...

THE COMMISSIONERS OF HEALTH for the port of San Francisco, have taken the building on McComb street, lately known and occupied as the military hospital, and have converted the same into a State Marine Hospital.

The public authorities of the city of San Francisco, who have charge of the city, citizens, and all persons not entitled to hospital privileges, are also informed that patients will be admitted to this hospital, for the very moderate sum of \$25 per week, in advance, including board, lodging and medical attendance. For admission, apply at the Hospital, to the Resident Physician, M. D. LORENZO HUBBARD, M. D.

No patient laboring under an infectious or contagious disease will be treated at this Hospital, but a suitable place will be provided for them, on application as above.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. THE SUBSCRIBER has established a general COMMISSIONER REGISTER OFFICE in the lower room of Howard Green's fireproof Building, Montgomery street, between Clay and Commercial streets, where a description is given of the position and distinguishing marks of every sailing vessel arriving in the Harbor and every ship or vessel that is to depart after the 1st of April next.

Persons wishing to board ships, with whose terms they are unacquainted, will save time and money by applying at the office, and gaining the desired information. A News Agent has been appointed by the undersigned, who will intercept all vessels entering the port, and he will immediately express full particulars respecting them to this office, where a Record of all arrivals and departures.

A Confidential Messenger will be constantly in attendance at the office, who will undertake the forwarding of letters to and from all vessels in the harbor, and the execution of commissions, with fidelity and dispatch. Charge for perusal of the Book containing a List of Arrivals and Departures, and other information, 25 cents. For inspection of the Book specifying the Birth of the Shipping, 50 cents.

SALE OF WATER LOTS. BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDINANCE of the Common Council, passed August 22nd 1850, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the city of San Francisco, will offer for sale at public auction, all the WATER LOTS remaining unsold between Rincon and Montgomery Points, at every second hour, starting on the 1st of April next, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 31st day of APRIL next.

City Maps and Audited Accounts will be taken at their value in payment for the property. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at their office in the city of San Francisco, containing a full description of the Lots, will be ready for distribution at the Mayor's office three weeks prior to the sale.

JOHN W. GEARY, B. L. BERRY, TALBOT H. GREEN, Commissioners. JAMES KING, of W. M. Jan 2, 1851.

Book and Job Printing. CARDS, CHECKS, CIRCULARS, CATALOGUES, HANDBILLS, and every description of Printing, can now be executed at the Pacific News Office, Montgomery street, next door to Cronin & Markley's, in the best style of the Art, and with the utmost dispatch.

THE RECEIPTS of a heavy additional invoice of new AND FINEST TYPES, of the latest patterns, by the steamer New Orleans, enables us to fill the orders of our friends in every variety of styles at the shortest notice. Ship and Steamboat Bills got up in elegant style.

ESTATE OF PHINEAS DAVIS, deceased.—Notice is hereby given to the creditors of the above estate, that the undersigned has taken out letters of administration on said estate, and hereby requires all persons having claims against said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the date of this notice to the undersigned, at his office in the city of San Francisco, or they will be forever barred. San Francisco, Jan. 24, 1851. S. A. HASTINGS, Administrator.

DESIRABLE GOODS. CHAIRS, tables, bureaus, writing desks, bedsteads, cots, couches, stools, feather beds, mattresses, clothing, boots, pairs, brooms, looking glasses, mirrors, wall paper, wood, pine, cross-cut, hand saws, and ker-hole saws, bolts, leading hose, saleratus and soda in small packages, fruit cake in tins, window sashes, &c., for sale by Washington st. below Montgomery.

PUBLIC NOTICE. Public notice is hereby respectfully announced to the Public that they will not hold themselves responsible for losses of monies, packages or letters unless they are deposited with our agent, Mr. J. W. Geary, at his office at their office in San Francisco, and have their printed stamps on. They send a daily mail.

WANTED.—Information of JAMES MOFFITT, Printer, from New York city. Any person knowing his whereabouts, will confer a favor by sending word to the undersigned. Office 240 Montgomery Street. jan15

GOLD DUST. DOUGHT OR INSURED, and forwarded to any part of the States, by way of New York or New Orleans, at the lowest rates, by GREGORY'S Express, Office 240 Montgomery Street. o18 47

FOR SALE. THE JAVA TEA, a variety of English Teas, the Java Java coffee and cap, plot cloth, &c. n18 Tea Dealers and Coffee Roasters, Montgomery st.

RALPHIN & CO'S COIN. THE ABOVE GOLD, issued by the Exchange Office, is redeemed at the Banking and Exchange Office of EDWARD E. DUNBAR, 124 1/2 Market Street.

SPLENDID NEW HUGGIE. ON A very light principle, with seats for four. For sale at the Java House by McCOMB & CO, n7 Tea Dealers and Coffee Roasters, 244 Montgomery st.

A GREAT CHANCE FOR COLLECTORS. H. H. HALL, Agent for the Western Addition of San Francisco, will give one man or a company of men, a contract for carrying, in large or small quantities, in and out of his residence, Broadway, between Stockton and Folsom streets. M. NELSON. o24 47

FILE DRIVING. WHARVES and FOUNDATIONS built, and Water Lanes enclosed with despatch, for cash or on shares; 200 piles and 120,000 feet square timber for sale; Lumber in great variety. GEORGE GORDON, jan18 10 Wharf Builder, California st. Wharf.

FOR SALE. 300 bags fresh Chili barley, 100 bags fresh Chili beans and 100 bags fresh Chili peas, for sale by J. W. GEARY, of Foot of Jackson st. wharf, retail by COOKE & LE COY, Bookbinders and Stationers, Wells & Co's Building, Montgomery street. o13

BOAT FOUND. DICKED UP, on the night of 25th Nov., one flat bottomed boat, about 19 feet long, with a centre board, painted lead color. The owner can have the same by bringing proof and paying charges on application to Geo. F. Williams, of India Buildings. n23

AGENTS FOR THE PACIFIC NEWS. Sacramento City... San Francisco... New York...

REDUCTION IN PRICE. With this week's issue, we commence serving the Pacific News to our subscribers at six and a quarter cents per number...

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Our Oregon Correspondence.

Portland, Oregon, Ter., Jan. 30th, 1881. Editors of the Pacific News:

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Recorder's Court.

There were a great number of cases of felony and misdemeanor before the Recorder yesterday, which clearly demonstrates the fact that crime and lawless acts are on the increase.

Peppi Bogas was examined, charged with shooting one Gutterey—both Mexicans. Gutterey's wife, a very pretty Spanish woman, testified that Bogas had attempted to make love to her on various occasions...

An amusing scene of domestic strife, between husband and wife, occurred. The couple had been engaged in a fight together, the night previous, and were disturbing the quiet of the neighborhood...

THE POLICE.—We have already announced the resignation of several members of the police within a short time, and from a cause which bids fair to leave us soon without any protection from the multitude of scoundrels who are prowling about for purposes of plunder.

IN A FAIR WAY TO BE IMMORTALIZED.—The communication of Capt. ADAMS, on the subject of State Printing, will certainly immortalize the "old veteran." The Courier says:

It hangs out all reports on that or any other subject ever presented to the Legislature. He is far better than Sikens, of Sacramento. The third house intend printing it on satin, and framing it, for the use of all students in rhetoric.

A WELSH DICTIONARY WANTED.—A Welsh newspaper is published in New York, called the "Y Drieh," having for its motto the following:

AN INDUCEMENT TO TRAVEL.—A runner, who was yesterday upon Long Wharf, haranguing a multitude upon the splendid accommodations and fine qualities of the steamer New World, ended by offering, as an inducement to the traveling community, that there would be at least forty fine looking single ladies going up that evening.

LOVE'S LABOR NOT LOST.—"The Author" sends us a copy of a pamphlet with the above title, just issued from the press, which professes to give a history of the "Ups and Downs of a Gold Hunter, by a Victim." We have not yet had leisure to look beyond the title page.

Report of the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury, on concluding their labors, for the session just brought to a close, submitted a Report to the District Court, of which the following is a synopsis:

1. They approve of the manner in which the City Hospital has been managed, and pay a merited compliment to Dr. Chapin and his assistants. They regret, however, that the steward's department has suffered from want of funds to purchase proper diet for the inmates...

2. They complain of the inadequate extent, insecure formation, and unhealthy character of the public prisons and station houses, and they urge the necessity of proper consideration by the authorities for the mitigation of these evils...

3. They are of opinion that the present police force is entirely inadequate to combat the increase of crime, and recommend that the City Council should increase their number to double their present amount.

4. They consider the Fire Department fully competent in point of numerical strength to combat successfully with the destroying element; but they complain of the engines and apparatus, being old and rejected engines from the Atlantic States, purchased at high rates, and wholly inadequate to do the requisite work.

5. They offer a remonstrance, addressed to the good sense of the people of our city, to avoid the nuisance, so much complained of, of obstructing the thoroughfares and side-walks by lumbering them with barrels, boxes, casks and materials of every sort; and they recommend the stringent enforcement of the city ordinance to that effect.

6. They call the attention of the police and city authorities to the disturbances prevalent on the Long Wharf, arising from the toleration of the irregularities of boat runners, thimble jokers, bite catchers, or French monte-dealers. These they pronounce to be crying nuisances; and hope that the Police and Recorder will, by rigid severity, reduce to order and regularity the most important thoroughfares of our city.

7. They notice the condition of certain streets yet unblanketed in the neighborhood of Clark's Point; and recommend that some improvements should be made to render them passable with ease and safety.

8. They also recommend as early attention as possible to the lighting of the city—seeing that darkness is not only an inconvenience to all, but an especial favor and advantage to the perpetrators of crime.

Usury Laws.

The proposed enactment of a usury law, involves a question of political economy, which deeply and most directly affects this and every other community, and your courtesy in admitting, heretofore, articles into your journal, opposed to your own sentiments on the subject, induces me to offer for a place in its columns, some considerations in favor of such a law which I have not seen touched upon by its advocates.

So far as I have read or heard arguments in favor of the so-called "free trade" in money, the main point has been that money is merchandise, and should be so treated. But the question instantly arises, is money merchandise in any proper sense of the term?

There is a proposition which amounts to an axiom, and which, I believe, holds good under all circumstances, that where there are duties, there are rights; and the converse is equally true, that where there are rights there are duties. Money is held, universally, as the standard of value, and the constitution of the United States declares that gold and silver shall be the only tender in payment of debts.

The foregoing principle would seem to be one of the most simple and obvious in the whole range of mental philosophy. That a father who is required to support his child, is entitled to his obedience, does not seem plainer. A owes a debt which he has not money to liquidate, though he may have property, B, however, has money, and in the absence of a usury law, takes advantage of the requirement of the statute that A. must pay in cash, and refuses to give to A. the use of it except at an expensive and ruinous rate. A. feels this to be a hardship, and justly, too.

In a late number of your paper, you suppose a case where a merchant might owe eighty thousand dollars, and has ten thousand barrels of flour, but no money. He has given his notes, which the law obliges him to pay in cash, and the money he must raise, in consequence of this legal obligation. Could he tender his flour, there would be no need of money, but through the force of a law it acquires that dominant power which shows itself in the form of interest.

The Legislature interferes in every other thing which affects the well-being of the community, and such regulations are cheerfully submitted to, and there is no reason why the possession and manner of use of money should not be regulated by law when the public good is involved, as well as the manner of use of any other kind of property. The commonwealth is the mother of us all, and it is her duty to take care that one portion of her children is not destroyed by the exactions of another portion. High rates of interest tend to the possession of all the money by the few; but usury laws, when wisely enacted, do much to prevent this, and to assist in sustaining the great democratic principle of equalization. I believe a usury law is demanded by a great majority of the people of the State, for the old truth has been learned over again in California, which has been taught to every nation, that there must be a legal limit to the price of money.

ABOUT MULES.—We were amused during a stroll along Long Wharf to see the mode of getting mules on board a vessel bound for Klamath. Whoever is acquainted with the nature of mules, knows that it frequently happens that the "more you will, the more they won't," and as for walking a plank for the purpose of making a sea excursion, they will do no such thing. In fact, mules are mules. Without arguing the point, the mate rigged up a broad band, which passed under the belly of the mule, secured by a fore-and-aft line from stem to stern. The ends of the band meeting on the back, had a loop to which a tackle-hook was hitched, when the "yo heave yo" was given, and despite the kicks and dumb remonstrances of the brute, he was flying in the air "less than no time," and deposited on deck without "let or hindrance."

LONG WHARF.—This principal thoroughfare of our city is in a state of complete nuisance, from the quantity of mud, garbage, and filth of all descriptions, that have accumulated at its head, particularly between Montgomery and Leidsdorff streets. It should be immediately cleansed of its filthy incubance.

DR. JAMES SHIELDS, formerly of New Orleans, disappeared suddenly from this city about the 8th of November last. His friends are in a state of great suspense and anxiety in regard to his fate, and any information concerning him will be gratefully received by them.

Common Council.

Monday evening, Feb. 10. BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—Present, Messrs. Green, Cronise, Middleton, Minturn, Mott, Robinson, and Selover.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. PETITIONS.—From C. De Boom, asking for return of lot at the head of Market street, or pay for the same, in accordance with the agreement made with the city at the time said street was opened—referred to the Finance Committee. Of E. Kohl, to be appointed inspector of stove-pipes—laid on the table. Of W. V. Magoon, to be appointed inspector of markets. Of J. M. Sterling, H. J. Clayton and E. Fraser, for the same appointment, which were generally received. Of several citizens, praying for the opening of a road from Mission street to the Government Reserve on Rincon Point—referred to the Committee on Streets.

Committee on Hospital presented the weekly report of the Steward, accompanied with bills amounting to \$621 34—report accepted, and bills ordered paid. Message from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in regard to the Public Wharves, was laid on the table until the next meeting. The Committee on Finance were instructed by resolution to inquire into the acts of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Communication from the City Marshal, asking for the appointment of six additional police, to be stationed at Rincon Point, was received, and a resolution authorizing him to make the appointments, adopted. Committee on Accounts presented the bill of Mr. Allan, for force pump and for reservoir on California street, which was ordered paid. Resolution authorizing the Comptroller to audit the monthly accounts of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pelton, for services in public school, was adopted. The Boards then met in joint ballot, for the election of Inspector of Markets. First ballot no choice, on the second ballot Mr. H. J. Clayton was declared duly elected. The joint meeting was then dissolved, and on motion, the Board adjourned to Monday evening next.

BOARD OF ASSISTANTS.—Present, Ald. Bartol, (President), Van Ness, Green, Grant, Gibbs, Sharron, Corbett, and Wilson. PETITIONS.—Of a number of persons, asking that H. J. Clifton be appointed Inspector of Meats; also petition of J. L. Riddle and others, that H. L. Gift be appointed to same office—both petitions were ordered to be filed. Petition of Wm. Pettit, protesting against planking Battery street; also of B. R. Buckelew and others, protesting against the same. Petition of Joseph W. Venable, asking to be appointed keeper of city hall, was laid on the table. A message from the Mayor was received, signifying his approval of certain ordinances, prohibiting gambling in the streets, appointing a Meat Inspector, &c.

REPORTS.—A report from the Steward of the City Hospital, was ordered to be filed in the Comptroller's office. The Committee on Finance reported adverse to the claim of Mr. Hinkley, for work done the city. RESOLUTIONS.—Ald. Sharron introduced a resolution appointing a committee of three from each Board to examine into the actions of the Board of Commissioners, and to report at the next meeting. The Chair appointed Messrs. Gibbs, Sharron, and Green, as the committee on the part of the Board of Assistants.

CONCURRENCES.—A communication from the City Marshal, together with an ordinance providing an addition of six men to the police force stationed on Rincon Point, which was concurred in. A resolution authorizing the Comptroller to audit the bills of John C. Pelton and wife, was concurred in. BILLS.—The bill allowing pay to the Clerks and Inspectors of the late election, was referred to a special committee.

ORDINANCES.—Ald. Sharron introduced an ordinance requiring the improvement of Taylor, Mason, Pine and Kearny streets, and to be paid for by the city. The ordinance was read a third time, and finally passed. Adjourned until next Friday evening, at 7 o'clock.

RECORD OF THE CITY COURTS. SUPERIOR COURT.—Hon. H. C. Murray, Chief Justice. Christian Stearns vs. the Brig Christiana; new trial granted on defendant paying the costs. Irving for plaintiff. H. S. Baldwin vs. Galen Burrell; judgment by default. Bell for plaintiff. G. W. Bradley vs. Hull & Wightman; ordered that the order heretofore issued staying the execution of plaintiff be rescinded, and that plaintiff be at liberty to proceed with his execution. Mount & Shattuck for plaintiff. A. P. Merrill vs. the Bark Peru and Captain Seasey et al.; leave granted to amend complaint. Mount for plaintiff. Hall et al. vs. Schooner Urania; cause continued by consent of parties. COUNTY COURT OF APPEALS.—Hon. R. N. Morrison, Presiding. Geo. C. Porter vs. Aughenbaugh, and N. B. Braden; judgment for defendants, with costs. Endicot, Green & Onks vs. F. W. Macondray; judgment for defendants, with costs. On filing affidavit of P. W. Shephard, Justice of the Peace, it is ordered that Lathrop S. Ed. appear before the County Court on Monday the 17th inst., to show cause why an attachment should not issue against him for not paying over to said Justice money placed in his hands to be delivered to the Sheriff. DISTRICT COURT.—Hon. Levi Parsons, presiding. The People vs. John Nugent; bail taken in the sum of \$2,000. People vs. Philip Ester; bail taken in the sum of \$5,000. People vs. William Walker; bail taken in the sum of \$2,000. B. Daborn vs. J. A. Vent and A. Mourest; judgment by default entered. James P. Flint vs. Loring L. Lombard; publication for six months ordered in the "Pacific News." Daniel L. Lount vs. Joseph Begin; judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$559.58. Charles Frank vs. H. Sanderson; demurrer overruled and leave granted to file an answer in five days. Benjamin Markt vs. Charles Koch; judgment by default made final in the sum of \$400, with four per cent per month interest from the 24th of January until paid. RECORDER'S COURT.—Hon. F. Tilford, presiding. For being drunk and disorderly, James Watkins was fined \$15; Isaac Bentz, discharged; Christopher Newman, \$10, or ten day's imprisonment; George Pierson, discharged; S. Bradford, \$20, or ten day's imprisonment; Claus Joers, \$10; B. S. Beatty, continued; John Heron, discharged; John Finley, continued; Riley, \$5; John Johnson, \$15; and Laria, ten days on board the brig. For a breach of the peace, Henry Harren, Esto Asoa, John Roush, and James Patterson, were discharged. Thomas Wood, for whipping his wife, was fined \$50. Alfred Chapell, for threatening life, was held to keep the peace in the sum of 500 dollars. S. Kohler, for stabbing, was sent to the District Court. John Reed and John Williams, for desertion, was continued until to-day. Carlos Fernandez, Walter Salanado, Fred Wilson, and Antonio Martinez, for larceny, were discharged. P. Hoffman, for stabbing, was continued by request of defendant. G. Smith, for grand larceny, was sent to the District Court in the sum of 500 dollars. The defendant pleads insanity. Thomas Cooper, for swindling, was continued until to-day. G. Cohen, for larceny, was discharged. Peppi Bogas, for an assault with intent to kill, was held to appear before the District Court, in the sum of 5000 dollars.

