

THE GAZETTE.

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AGENTS.

Carpenteria.....HENRY J. DALLY
San Buenaventura.....GEARY VAN RIFER
Los Angeles.....C. R. JOHNSON
Santa Ynez.....AUGUSTUS JANSSEN
San Luis Obispo.....ALEXANDER MURRAY

SANTA BARBARA:

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1856.

We have been furnished a private copy of the Act of the last legislature, authorizing the Supervisors to levy an additional tax for the purpose of paying the outstanding debt of the county, and prescribing the manner in which it shall be done. Our space this week will not permit an extended reference to the law, but it is to be hoped that the Supervisors will see to it that no new debt be incurred without the means to immediately pay, while discharging the old.

Arrival of the Sea Bird.

By the arrival on Monday morning last of the steamer Sea Bird, Captain Haley, we have San Francisco papers to the 31st ult. The Vigilance Committee was still holding daily sessions, and a number of notorious characters had been arrested. Great exertions were being made by the Committee for the arrest of Ned McGowan, but he had thus far eluded them. Yankee Sullivan committed suicide on Saturday morning last by bleeding himself in the arm, in the room of the Committee.

Vigilance Committees are being formed in Sacramento and many of the mountain towns.

The steamship Sonora, due from Panama, had not arrived at San Francisco when the Sea Bird left, consequently we are without later news from the Atlantic States and Europe.

The Court of Sessions of this county commenced its regular term on Monday last, and the grand jury which was discharged yesterday found several bills of indictment. Anastacio Herede, accused of grand larceny, in having stolen a horse from the rancho of Dos Pueblos, was tried and convicted and will be sentenced on Monday. This individual was also tried upon a second indictment for grand larceny, in stealing three saddles from the house of Mr. Daniel Hill. The jury after a tedious consultation was unable to agree, and as the evidence was not very clear, and the accused had already been convicted on the first indictment, a motion was made by the District Attorney to dismiss the second prosecution, and the Court then ordered it to be dismissed. It will be remembered that Herede broke jail here not long since and was re-arrested by the Sheriff of this county at Los Angeles.

A motion was made to change the place of trial in the case of P. H. Dunne, on the ground that a fair and impartial trial can not be had in this county. The Court disallowed the motion and the case will be proceeded with to-day.

BROKE JAIL. On Sunday night John H. Hughes, who had been held to answer upon a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, and who for want of bail had been committed, effected his escape and is still at large. The accused had been confined by the Sheriff in one of the rooms of the Court House, the windows of which are secured by iron gratings and the door fastened by a strong bar and lock. He made his exit by the door, from which he removed one of the panels. It is very evident that he was aided in escaping by some person or persons outside, who furnished him the instrument with which he cut out the panel of the door. It seems clear that there are in this community individuals who will go all lengths to defeat the ends of justice, and incur the risk of being themselves punished in their attempts to rescue a friend from merited condemnation. It is hardly probable that this fugitive has gone very far from this city, as he was suffering at the time of his escape from a severe bullet wound in the thigh, which would be likely to prevent him from riding to any great distance.

THE GRASSHOPPERS. These insects have made their appearance in countless numbers near this city, and are consuming vegetation with great rapidity. We have been assured that many of the growing crops near the "Partera" and "Cienegitas" have already been quite destroyed by them. They appear to have a partiality for young bean vines and growing grain. The dry season has doubtless favored the development of these destructive insects.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE. On Friday last R. E. Perkins was tried by a jury before Valentine W. Hearne, Esq., on a charge of petit larceny. The jury was unable to agree, and on Saturday another trial took place and the defendant was acquitted. It appears that Perkins has been employed at the Surveyors' camp in San Buenaventura, and obtained leave of absence for five days for the purpose of taking a trip to Los Angeles. On his departure he took with him a pair of blankets belonging to the camp, which he was accustomed to use while there, without having first obtained the proper permission. As he failed to return at the expiration of his furlough, a warrant was despatched for him from the second township on the charge of petit larceny, and another from the first township on the charge of fraud. This latter accusation was made by several of the merchants of San Buenaventura, from whom he had purchased various articles. Arrested at Los Angeles and brought into this county, he was tried by a jury before Cayetano Arenas, Esq., in the first township, and was acquitted. The justice of the Peace regarding the prosecution as malicious or without probable cause, ordered the parties who laid the complaint and their witnesses to pay the costs, one of the items of which was for damages sustained by the accused in having been arrested at Los Angeles and compelled to perform a journey of some eighty miles. They all obstinately refused to pay, and the Justice issued executions and levied upon their property. Steps have been taken to have all the proceedings reviewed before the County Judge upon a writ of certiorari.

A suit has been commenced in the Superior Court of the city of New York by John Livingston against Isaiah C. Woods, late of San Francisco, Daniel H. Haskell, of New York city, Alvin Adams, of Boston, Wm. B. Dinsmore, of New York city, Edward S. Sanford, of Philadelphia, and Samuel M. Shoemaker, of Baltimore, composing the late firm of Adams & Co. We received by the last boat a summons and complaint which are printed in book form and cover forty-three pages. The suit embraces seventy-two distinct claims upon certificates of deposit, bills of exchange and bank accounts, all of which are set forth in detail. The amount involved is \$37,325.26. Mr. Livingston states in a circular which accompanies the book, addressed to holders of Adams & Co.'s drafts, certificates of deposit and other obligations, that he believes that the full amount of every just demand against the firm of Adams & Co. should be and can be collected by legal means, from the members of the firm in the Atlantic States. He gives this as his deliberate opinion, with a full knowledge of the facts and after a careful examination of the law, and states that it has been confirmed on consultation with some of the most eminent members of the legal profession in New York city.

Mr. Thomas S. King, brother of James King of William, has assumed the editorial management of the Evening Bulletin. His course of action will be the same as that of the former editor. He says he "will unmask villainy and corruption in high places—will know no friends and spare no enemies. The events of the past few days have upset all my early prejudices, and changed the whole tenor of my life. In the last week I have lived an age. The future weal or woe of this community depends on the present organization. One false, backward step, and all is lost."

The schooner Laura Bevan, Captain Morton, arrived at this port on Tuesday last, from San Francisco, and sailed yesterday evening for San Pedro.

Schooner Ann G. Doyle, Captain Phillips, arrived yesterday, from island of Santa Cruz.

Schooner S. D. Bailey, Capt. Hiller, sailed yesterday for San Francisco.

We learned from Mr. Hamilton, late editor and proprietor of the Calaveras Chronicle, who paid a visit to our office the other day, that he has become the proprietor of the "Los Angeles Star." Mr. Hamilton is one among the pioneer printers of this State, and we are quite sure he will well sustain the character of the "Star."

Messrs. Jose Carrillo and Eugene Starkey were elected City Councilmen on Friday last, in place of Messrs. Nidever and Pierce, who failed to qualify.

The race which came off on Saturday last, between "Pinto" and "Bayo," was won by the former.

The office of the Monterey Sentinel has been removed to Santa Cruz.

Communicated.

MESSRS. EDITORS: The undersigned, Trustees of Common Schools of the 2nd District, request the use of your columns for the purpose of making an explanation which they consider is called for. In an "Extract from Treasurer's Reports," published in your paper, occurs the following item:

"STATE SCHOOL FUND.
Balance on hand (Jan. 1st, 1856)..... \$441 96
"This balance still remains on hand."

This statement is quite irreconcilable with a paragraph contained in a report of the action of the board of Trustees, which was published in your paper under date of April 3d, 1856, and which reads as follows:

"Considering that there is now no money in the Treasury applicable to the payment of the accruing expenses of the schools in this District, and that none can be received from the State until the next apportionment on the 30th day of June next, it was ordered that a monthly tax of three dollars be, for the present, imposed upon the children of those parents able to pay, that now attend the schools of this district."

The Trustees were utterly unaware of the existence of this sum in the school fund, until it was shown by the Treasurer's Report, and before levying the assessment of three dollars they availed themselves of all the accessible means of gaining information in relation to the state of "school funds," and thought that what is contained in their report was true. If this item of the Treasurer's report be correct, it is evident that the report of the Trustees is incorrect. If they stated what was not true, they were led into error by misstatements made to them.

It is perhaps hardly necessary to add that as no State nor County funds pass through their hands, the condition of the school finances cannot be ascertained at any time by the examination of records kept by them.

DANIEL HILL,
CHARLES E. HUSE,
ANTO. DE LA PALMA Y MESA,
Trustees of the Common Schools of the 2nd District.
Santa Barbara, June 2nd, 1856.

Report of the Grand Jury.

To the Hon. Court of Sessions in and for the County of Santa Barbara—June term.

The Grand Jury having completed their labors, beg leave to make the following report:

That, after strict investigation of the testimony produced before them, they have found the following Indictments, viz:

John H. Hughes, for assault with intent to commit murder.

P. H. Danne, for assault with intent to commit murder.

Henry Carnes, for embezzlement of public moneys.

George D. Fisher, for willful and corrupt misconduct in office.

Antonio Herede, for grand larceny—(two indictments.)

Geo. D. Fisher, for embezzlement of public moneys, being an accessory after the fact.

H. B. BLAKE, Foreman.

We learn that another large store is about to be opened on State street, opposite the Union Hotel, by Messrs. Kays and Dean. They have a large stock of merchandise, which is now landing from the schooner Laura Bevan.

Messrs. Haley & Thompson, proprietors of the Railroad Hotel, San Francisco, gave the entire receipts of that establishment for one day to the widow and orphans of James King of William. The amount was \$409.

Nicholas Graham, convicted of the murder of Joseph Brooks, on board the steamer Columbia, in January last, was executed in the yard of the County Jail in San Francisco, on Friday last.

THE KING TESTIMONIAL. We are authorized by the Committee who have this fund in charge, to state that the sum of money necessary for erecting a monument to Mr. King, is entirely distinct from the subscription that has been, or is now being collected in this city and State.

The entire subscription here and elsewhere will be devoted to the benefit of Mrs. King and the education of her children, without any abatement or charge whatever.

The Committee will also publish the amount received from each city, town and precinct, and have the subscription lists collected and bound in volumes, forming an enduring monument of the affection cherished by our citizens for their martyred champion.

A private subscription has also been made for erecting a monument, to which additions will gladly be received by the Committee from such citizens throughout the State as are disposed to promote the object.

Papers throughout the State will promote the object of the general fund by stating the above distinct appropriation of it to Mrs. King and her children.—*Ev. Journal.*

We received by last boat a large bundle of reading matter from J. W. Sullivan, of San Francisco. We tender our thanks for Harpers' Magazine for May, and for European and eastern States' papers.

Another morning paper called the True Californian, has been started in San Francisco.

Dismissal of Appeals in Land Cases.

We stated upon the arrival of the last mail that news had been received here from Washington to the effect that the Attorney General of the United States intended withdrawing the appeals in the California land cases, which were carried up to the Supreme Court on the part of the United States, in all cases which were clear. This is a very important matter to the holders of real estate under original grants in California, and is at last a rendering to them of that justice which should have been accorded to them long ago.

The United States Law Agent here was instructed to take an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States in all cases which were adjudicated here before the U. S. Land Commission and the U. S. District Court, and which, before these tribunals, were decided in favor of the claimant and against the United States. This was done for the purpose of having the land titles in this State finally settled by the highest tribunal, rather than from any tenacity on the part of the Government to prosecute its claim to the land. The appeals which have been so taken amount to about eight hundred. The mode of proceeding now will be to make a careful examination of the records of the cases as they came up to the Supreme Court, and those will be withdrawn by the Attorney General in which he is satisfied there can be no doubt of the ultimate decision being against the United States. This will save an immense amount of annoyance and expense to those claimants whose cases having been already favorably decided upon here, would be otherwise subjected to a long and harassing litigation before the Supreme Court. All cases not perfectly clear will, however, be prosecuted.

The withdrawal of the appeals will commence about the first of June, and it is said that out of the eight hundred appeals, five hundred at least will be immediately dismissed, and the patents for the lands in question will issue soon after. This will commence a new and brighter era in the history of our State, being, as it will, a permanent settlement of a large number of her land titles.—*Alta.*

ARRESTS BY THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

Wm. Carr, a somewhat celebrated character of the First Ward, was arrested yesterday evening by the Vigilance Committee, and taken without resistance to their rooms on Sacramento street. There are now three of the First Ward rowdies in the hands of the Committee, viz: Martin Gallagher, Jim White, and Bill Carr. Bill Lewis would have also been taken had he not made his escape out of the city. Billy Mulligan and Yankee Sullivan are still in the hands of the Committee. It is likely there will be many more of the "same sort," taken and kept until they can be shipped out of the county.

Woolly Kearney, we learn to-day, has also been arrested by the committee.—*Ev. Journal.*

ADAM'S & Co.'s CERTIFICATES. The time for filing the certificates of indebtedness of Adams & Co., with the referee, Gilbert A. Grant, Esq., expired on the 20th of this month. We understand that as soon as Judge Munson arrives and holds court, an application will be made for a further short extension. We learn that certificates representing a considerable amount of indebtedness, came out in the last steamer from the Atlantic, but did not arrive till after the expiration of the time prescribed. The advertisements of the referee were published in the Atlantic States, but the date at which the time for presenting the claims should expire, was altered, so that it was extended a month longer than it was in the original advertisements. A large amount will probably come by the next steamer.—*Alta.*

SENTENCED TO BE EXECUTED.

Samuel Garrett and Wm. Stewart Kelley were arraigned before Judge Munson in the District Court yesterday morning, and sentenced to be hung on the 27th June next—Garret for the murder of A. Brickell, at the Golden Eagle Hotel in this city, and Kelley for the murder of Howe (in company with the notorious Mickey Free and another) in Lake Valley, El Dorado county, in July last. While Garrett exhibited considerable concern when sentence was being pronounced, Kelly evinced but little, if any, appreciation of the fate impending. We understand, however, that the latter is resigned, and that both have banished from their thoughts all hope of escaping the penalty imposed.—*Sac. Union.*

PAGE, BACON & Co. We learn from a report submitted by Messrs. Parrott and Naglee, Trustees and Receivers of the above firm, to the Referee, that the charges incurred by the former against the estate amount to \$5,210.06, which sum is chiefly made up of taxes paid on the property and lawyers' fees. The amount collected by the Receivers is \$39,280.18. They are prepared, it is said to accept certificates of deposit and other evidences of indebtedness of Page, Bacon & Co. in payment for notes in their hands.—*Globe.*

The state of our relations with England remain unaltered. It is stated that no official dispatches have been received from Mr. Dallas, but the private letters written by that minister, if newspaper reports can be relied on, are very flattering. He was, of course, well received.

An Act

To Provide for the Payment of the Debt of Santa Barbara County. Approved April 2d, 1856.

The people of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors, in and for the county of Santa Barbara, in addition to other taxes they may levy under authority of law, shall annually levy a special tax of twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars on the real and personal property subject to taxation in said county, or at their discretion may increase it to any sum not exceeding seventy-five cents, to be collected in the same manner as other taxes, and payable in legal currency of the United States, and the money derived from said special tax, together with one-third of any and all amounts of money received into the County Treasury for county purposes, derived from licenses, shall constitute a sinking fund for the extinguishment of the public debt of said county, and shall be held and disbursed in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

Section 2. Whenever there shall accumulate in the County Treasury, from proceeds of the special tax and of the licenses, as provided for in the foregoing section, the sum of five hundred dollars, it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer to give notice by posting three public notices in English, and three public notices in Spanish, in three public places in said county, of the amount of money in said sinking fund as above provided, and that sealed proposals for the redemption of county warrants drawn on a day previous to the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, directed to him and the County Auditor, will be received and opened by them on a day and hour named, which shall not be less than twenty-one nor more than thirty days from the posting of said notices; and upon the day and hour designated in the notice, the County Auditor and County Treasurer shall attend at the office of the latter, and then and there open said proposals, and accept the lowest bids for the redemption of warrants as aforesaid; provided, that no bid for more than the par value of said warrants, or no bid, unless accompanied by a responsible guaranty, shall be considered.

Section 3. Whenever any bids are accepted, it shall be the duty of the County Auditor and County Treasurer to take the number and description of the warrants to be redeemed, and make a several record thereof in their respective offices, and thereupon the County Treasurer is authorized and directed to purchase the warrants designated in the accepted bids as aforesaid, and to pay for the same out of the money in the sinking fund upon the production and cancellation of said warrants, and said canceled warrants shall be the only vouchers to the County Treasurer of the payment as aforesaid in the settlement of his accounts. The bids being at equal rates, the preference shall be given to the person offering the smallest amount of warrants, and the bids and amount of warrants offered being equal, each shall be accepted *pro rata.*

Section 4. The County Treasurer shall keep a separate account, under the head of Sinking Fund, of all monies received from the sources specified in the first section; and the said money shall be never used or mixed with other funds, except as herein provided for; and on final settlement of his accounts, he shall be chargeable with all the money as received, subject to credits in his favor equal to the amount or amounts of cancelled warrants produced by him and recorded in the office of County Auditor and County Treasurer as herein directed.

Section 5. Warrants drawn on the County Treasurer, and bearing date previous to the first of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, shall be paid and discharged only in the manner designated in the foregoing sections, and warrants drawn as aforesaid bearing date subsequent to the date last aforesaid, shall be paid out of any money in the County Treasury not in said sinking fund; provided, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to authorize any change in existing laws concerning the various funds received or to be received by the County Treasurer, except so far as warrants drawn on a day previous to the said first of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Section 6. This act shall continue in force until all county warrants, issued prior to the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, shall be redeemed and paid, and no longer.

Col. Garland, the defaulting Treasurer of New Orleans, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$40,000. His defalcations amounted to about \$250,000.

We see by the Delta, that Miss Pellet has been giving lectures in New Orleans on Nicaragua. She considers the present government of that country as firmly established.

The Montgomery (Ala.) Mail says a convict was executed in Franklin county, in that State, by the Sheriff, after the receipt of a reprieve from Gov. Winston. The Sheriff pronounced the document a forgery. He has been arrested, and will be tried for murder.

EXPRESS FAVORS. We are indebted to Mr. Buchanan, of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, for late papers. The Pacific Express Co. have our thanks for Express favors.

