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THE CIVIL COURTS.

Count Valensin Reopens Litigation With His Wife.

G. Bare Sues to Suppress a Chinese Nuisance.

A Question on the Liability of Bondsmen on a Probate Bond Decided—The Expert Election Clerks.

Count Giulio Valensin has again made his appearance in court as a litigant. He has brought suit in the United States Courts to recover $6,000 damages from D. H. Cantrell and Alfred Randolph. This case is a part of the aftermath of the legal contests between Valensin and his wife, Mrs. A. M. Valensin, nee Miss McCauley. Mrs. Valensin, who is a wealthy woman in her own right, married her husband in Italy, and the pair came to this country and settled on a large tract of land in Sacramento county, which had been given to Mrs. Valensin by her parents. Valensin christened the place "Arno Stock Farm," and began to breed and run fast horses. Disagreements arose, which brought about the separation of the couple, and finally resulted in Mrs. Valensin bringing a suit for divorce against her husband. A sensational trial followed in the Superior Court of Sacramento county, which terminated in favor of the husband.

Mrs. Valensin then brought suit against her husband in the Superior Court of this city to recover various large sums belonging to her which he was alleged to have appropriated to his own use and benefit. When she brought the suit she also attached his property, Cantrell and Randolph going on the attachment bond as sureties.

The case was transferred to the United States Circuit Court, and, after a racy trial before Judge Sawyer, Count Valensin again achieved a legal victory over his litigious spouse.

Valensin now brings suit against her bondsmen, alleging that he has suffered damages in the sum of $6,000 by reason of the detention of his property under the attachment from August, 1885, till September, 1886.

PROBATE BONDS.

Judge Finn Decides an Interesting Point on Bondsmen's Liabilities.

Judge Finn yesterday gave his decision in the case tried recently in his court, entitled S. P. Burke vs. S. B. Wiggin, Hamilton Gray and William Hale.

Wiggin was administrator of Hannah Murphy's estate, and Gray and Hale were his bondsmen.

Gray, the bondsman, claimed that two of the Murphy heirs assigned their interests to him before the estate was closed or distributed; although he did not make known his claims to Charles F. Hanlon, the attorney for the heirs, nor to the Probate Court, until after the decree of final distribution, which Mr. Hanlon obtained, distributing all the estate to his clients, the heirs.

This present suit was brought by Burke, claiming through conveyances from these two Murphy heirs. It seems that Wiggin, the administrator, ignored their claims under the decree giving them the estate, and paid the moneys to bondsman H. Gray, and this was set up as an excuse for non-payment to the heirs.

Judge Finn, however, held that the statutes of California specially provide that any assignee claiming the heirs' share should come before the Probate Court and get a decree of distribution to himself; that this is also the construction in the recent decisions of our Supreme Court.

Judge Finn held that the heirs' title was valid as against H. Gray, who failed to make known his alleged claims till after the distribution was closed, and gave judgment against the bondsmen for the full amount in favor of plaintiff.

This was the same case in which contempt and prohibition proceedings were taken to the Superior and Supreme Courts. Wiggin was released on habeas corpus; but his bondsmen must now pay the money which he refused to pay.

PROBATE NOTES.

The Tiffany Contest Ended—Mary Peggs' Contempt.

Joseph Kelly, appointed as attorney by the Probate Court to represent the absent and minor heirs of the estate of Robert J. Tiffany, has filed a written consent in behalf of the heirs that the document purporting to be the last will and testament of the deceased be admitted to probate and that letters testamentary be issued to John W. Brummagen and William M. Pearson.

Judge Coffey has issued an order citing Mary Peggs to appear in the Probate Court and show cause why she should not be punished for refusing to render an account of the estate of Catherine Peggs, as ordered by the Court in December last.

Judge Coffey yesterday appointed Fredericka Fenton guardian of the person and estate of Lawrence St. Elmo Fenton, requiring a bond of $500.

A petition has been filed in the Probate Court by Helen Michelson and C. H. Stry for the probate of the will of Edward Michelson and that letters testamentary be granted to them. The estate consists of a partnership interest in the firm of Michelson, Roth & Co.

The second and final account of Frank Merrifield, administrator of the estate of Corene Watson Merrifield, has been filed in the Probate Court, showing the estate to be valued at $25,965. The administrator has also filed a petition for final distribution.

THE VAN NESS MAP.

Many City Titles Likely to be Upset by the Bradbury Claims.

The case of the City and County of San Francisco vs. W. B. Bradbury et al. was on trial in Department No. 2 of the Superior Court yesterday before Judge Sullivan. The case has been running since 1874, when it was commenced in the old Fifteenth District Court. It is to decide the ownership of a lot on Bush street, 177 feet west from Polk, 30x137½ feet. The city originally intended the lot for an engine-house, but defendants seized upon it in 1874 and have held possession ever since. The city sued for possession of the lot and $3,000 damages.

The action is considered of particular importance, as it involves not only the title to the property in question, but the validity of the Van Ness map, upon which rests the right of the city and many individuals to a great deal of real property in this city. The Supreme Court has already decided that the Van Ness map is "conclusive" as a record of property boundaries in this city.

A CHINESE NUISANCE.

Residents of the Western Addition Bothered by a Washhouse.

S. Morris and Nathaniel Morris are the owners of property on Sacramento street, near the corner of Fillmore. They have a small shanty which they rent to Chinamen, and as the neighborhood is in rather a fashionable locality the washhouse proves to be an eyesore to the residents.

G. Bare is the owner of property adjoining that of Morris, and upon which he has erected four houses divided into flats. His tenants complained of the disagreeable smells that arise from the Chinese house at all times, and of the noise made by the Chinamen in washing clothes at night. Bare yesterday commenced an action in the Superior Court against S. and N. Morris to compel them to abate the nuisance, and for $1,000 damages, which he has sustained by having his tenants leave his house.

EXPERT ELECTION CLERKS.

Argument in the Case of Ray Falk and Others.

Judge Levy listened to the argument of counsel yesterday in the application of Ray G. Falk and fifteen others for a writ of mandate compelling Auditor Strother to audit their claims, amounting to about $3,000, for services rendered as experts in examining the election roll previous to the election. They were appointed by the Republican majority in the Board of Election Commissioners, and the Auditor refused to pass upon their claims on the ground that the Commissioners were not empowered to appoint them. Counsel for the plaintiff cited a similar case, which came before Judge Evans in 1880, in which the claimant, ex-Registrar Tharp, had received a judgment in his favor.

The Translation Made No Difference.

In the case of Deeley vs. Save, the Supreme Court has approved the judgment and order of the lower court in an action to recover $5,000. The proceedings went against the plaintiff and he appealed, on the ground that the decision was contrary to law, inasmuch as the testimony was given in French and was not properly translated, thus causing the plaintiff to suffer. The Supreme Court could not discover that the facts of the translation rendered the decision null.

Fighting Over a Bankrupt's Assets.

There was a hearing yesterday before United States Circuit Judge Sawyer in chambers in the case of J. T. Fleming vs. A. Colman, Isaac Wechsler intervenor. Fleming attached Colman, the clothier, on a note for $550, executed by Colman in favor of Hugo Napthaly and assigned to plaintiff, and Wechsler intervened on behalf of certain New York creditors, alleging that there was collusion in the execution of the note and the attachment suit.

Wants an Accounting.

Walter Dibble and William Dibble have brought an action in the Superior Court against Kullman, Salz & Co., to compel an accounting. Plaintiffs are the proprietors of the Eagle Sulphur Works, and employed defendants as outside agents for the sale of their sulphur and to purchase their supplies. Plaintiffs claim that defendants systematically falsified their accounts and in that manner defrauded them of several thousand dollars.

Kings River Water.

John Hienlen brought suit against August Heilbron to recover damages for the diversion of waters from Cole slough, or King's river, and for a perpetual injunction restraining the defendant from diverting the waters of said stream. The decision of the lower court was favorable to the plaintiff, but the Supreme Court has reversed the judgment on technical grounds.

No Show for the Murderer.

John Rodgers killed John H. Kimball in Eureka, Humboldt county, on May 28, 1866, while attempting to burglarize the latter's house. He was tried and convicted of murder in the first degree and given life imprisonment. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, which tribunal has approved the decision of the lower court.

THE WINEMAKERS.

The Annual Convention to be Held in This City in March.

The Board of Directors of the Grape-Growers and Winemakers' Association met yesterday at No. 204 Montgomery street. C. A. Wetmore reported that Irving Hall could be secured for $25 per day. On motion of Mr. Estee it was voted to hold the next annual convention there in March, from the 7th to the 10th, inclusive.

Messrs. Wetmore, Rixford and Priber were appointed a committee to superintend the wine exhibit during the convention and to attend to the cataloguing and dispensing.

To meet the expenses of the convention $400 will be required, and H. W. McIntyre of St. Helena, A. L. Sweetzer of Cordelia, Charles Kohler Jr. of Sonoma, E. C. Feeley of Santa Clara, A. Erz of Anaheim, C. C. McIver of Mission San Jose, Maurice Keatinge of Lake county, M. Denike of Fresno, D. A. Scrimgeour of Napa, J. Palmtag of San Benito, and J. A. Stewart of Santa Cruz were chosen to solicit contributions of money and wines. The wines are not to be for competition, but for study and analysis.

Captain McIntyre and Secretary Rixford were appointed a Committee on Literary Exercises. The session was then adjourned to Tuesday, February 8th at 1 P. M.

The discussion regarding Mr. Wetmore's resignation seems to be subsiding. Mr. Blowers had charged him with using his influence as an officer of the Viticultural Association in the sale of lands. Mr. Portal also was opposed to him. On the other hand, the majority are opposed to his withdrawal. Mr. Estee says he is a valuable and efficient man. Several other members spoke of him as an honest, energetic, tireless and faithful officer. They say whatever unpleasantness exists is largely of a personal nature; that Mr. Wetmore, being by nature a pushing and aggressive man, his actions may sometimes appear a little too autocratic. In their opinion nine-tenths of all the vineyardists in the State prefer to have him remain in the office he has filled for the past six years. The matter has been laid over for a month to give time for sober second thought.

The committee appointed by the National Viticultural Association is to meet next Friday at 1:30 P. M. to discuss the Green wine bill.

Mr. Wetmore wants it thoroughly discussed, with a view of removing any objectionable expressions or features it may contain.

MRS. KALLAHER IN A RAGE.

She Creates a Sensation in the Oakland Police Court.

Catherine Kallaher was brought before the Oakland Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of disturbing the peace. She is the woman who recently made an attack upon the residence of Giles H. Gray, brother of the bankrupt stockbroker, Edward P. Gray. She stated in court that she had not expected the case to be taken up at that time and she was without counsel or witnesses. She was allowed until 2 o'clock to procure these, and her bail was fixed at $20. She created a disturbance at the adjournment of court by refusing to go down stairs, and became so violent that the officers took her by the arm and in the struggle which followed, she tripped and fell to the bottom of the staircase, where she lay screaming at the top of her voice. She was not hurt, however, and afterwards managed to secure her release until afternoon by furnishing the amount required.

Funeral of John C. Murphy.

Yesterday afternoon the body of ex-Senator J. C. Murphy was consigned to the grave. The obsequies were of an elaborate character, Dr. Robert Mackenzie preaching the sermon at the residence, No. 1610 Post street, after which the body, inclosed in a handsome casket, was conveyed to B'nai B'rith Hall on Eddy street. There the Masonic ritual was read in the presence of a large audience, who afterward filed by the casket and took a last look at the remains. The floral contributions were profuse and handsome, one representing a monument and composed of the most exquisite flowers, being particularly beautiful.

The body was then borne to the Masonic Cemetery, where it was laid away with the impressive burial service of the Masonic order. The pallbearers were Henry W. Bingham, ex-Senator William Cronan, ex-Senator J. J. Harrigan, James Lenhart, Joseph Giusti, Charles D. Wheat, John Carroll, Mr. Shaeffer and Mr. Snyder, representing the Masons, Chosen Friends, Knights of Honor and the A. L. H., to which orders the deceased belonged.

Expressions of condolence were received from Sacramento, and, but for the Senatorial vote which occurred yesterday, a number of Senators would have been present at the obsequies.

A Farewell to Burnette G. Haskell.

The Coast Seamen's Union, E. V. Crangle President, has passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Recognizing the fact that we owe most of our strength and organization to the efforts of Mr. Brunette G. Haskell, who, with untiring energy and unceasing zeal, has devoted his time and frequently his money to the organization, and the moral elevation of the sailors of the Pacific Coast; and

WHEREAS, Having been informed that Mr. Haskell will leave San Francisco on Saturday for Denver, Colorado, being called to the editorship of the Denver *Labor Enquirer*; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Coast Seamen's Union of the Pacific Coast, in meeting assembled, regret deeply the great loss we have sustained by the departure of so able a man. He has stood by us in all our trials and has shared victory and defeat, joy and misery alike with us since the day he first addressed us on Folsom-street wharf on the 6th of March, 1885; and further be it

Resolved, That, accompanied with the good wishes of this union for success in his new sphere, and knowing that in Denver he will, as he has done in San Francisco, devote his time and his abilities for the benefit of the working classes, we congratulate the workingmen of Denver, Colorado, upon having gained such an able and such an honest champion of the noble cause of labor.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the daily press of this city, the Denver *Labor Enquirer* and the *Avant Courier* of Portland, Oregon.

The Case of the "Humboldt."

The Secretary of the Treasury has remitted the fine of $500 assessed by the local Board of Inspectors on the owners of the steamer Humboldt for sending the vessel down from Eureka to this city in charge of the first mate, A. Boyle, who was not a licensed master of steam vessels. The case arose by John R. Howard, the then master of the vessel, refusing to navigate the Humboldt from Eureka to this city just at the moment when all the passengers and freight were aboard and steam up ready to sail. After a delay of several hours in attempting to get a licensed master for the trip, the vessel was navigated to this city without trouble by the mate Boyle. This subjected the owners to the $500 fine. After an investigation Howard's license as a master was revoked by the local board.

NOT ONLY THE NATIONAL DISEASE BUT MANY OTHERS.

It is said that dyspepsia is our national malady. Well, BRANDRETH'S PILLS will cure the national malady.

It is said that constipation is the curse of our sedentary life. Well, BRANDRETH'S PILLS certainly cure constipation.

It is generally conceded that rheumatism comes from acid stomach and sudden changes of temperature. BRANDRETH'S PILLS have corrected all this and will do it again.

Chronic diseases are cured by taking two to four of BRANDRETH'S PILLS every night for a month.

The Postal Telegraph.

The circuit of the Mackay-Bennett Cable Company between this city and Red Bluff was tested yesterday afternoon and worked to perfection. Messages were sent over the line without any hindrance. Several more connections with interior towns will be completed in a few days.

The work of the company in Oakland at present consists in erecting poles along Seventh street. The ends of the poles that are placed in the ground are being coated with a compound of petroleum, to prevent them from rotting early.

Rev. Sam Jones' Visit.

Rev. Dr. Hammond, who has been in communication with the Rev. Sam Jones, the famous Southern Methodist revivalist, relative to his coming to this city, stated to a reporter that he had received a letter from Jones, in which he wished to notify the San Francisco Conference of Methodist Clergymen that he would have to defer his contemplated visit from February 1st until March 1st. He has just closed a revival season in Omaha and will revisit Boston before coming here.

Officers of the Tailors' Exchange.

The following officers of the Merchant Tailors' Exchange have been elected for the ensuing year: President, Henry Steil; Vice-President, O. W. Nordwell; Secretary, H. G. Staab; Treasurer, C. T. Sanders; Trustees—J. Kavanaugh, G. Tacconi and G. M. Pastiglione. H. G. Staab was elected a delegate to represent San Francisco at the First National Convention of the Exchange, which is to meet in Philadelphia on February 15th.

The Patti Sale.

All the seats in the dress and family circles for the Patti season were sold yesterday, with the exception of a few in the back row. Seats in the gallery are now being reserved, the first two rows being in great demand at $2 each. The sale yesterday amounted to about $4,000.

The Police Commissioners.

The regular weekly meeting of the Police Commissioners was held last evening. Officers Bauer and Pike were tried on charges of general incompetency preferred by Captain Short. The cases were dismissed.

The "San Pablo" to be Refitted.

Yesterday morning the steamer San Pablo was taken to Vallejo, where a new cabin will be built on her and other repairs made. She will be laid up for about three months.

A Domestic's Money.

L. Miller, who advertised for a domestic and thereby formed the acquaintance of Johanna Carsen, whom he afterwards, it is charged, robbed of $150, was yesterday held to answer by Judge Lawler, with bonds fixed at $3,000.

SHAKE OFF THE GRIP of a Cold on the Lungs before the constant irritation and inflammation develops into serious Lung or Throat trouble. Get DR. D. JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT if in want of a safe cure for Coughs and Colds, or any Pulmonary complaint.

Mail for Bouldin Island.

An arrangement has been made whereby Bouldin island receives a daily mail via Jersey Landing.

Trappers' Oil, the family pain cures.

THE FREEHOLDERS

Considering the Report on Legislative Department.

The Vexed Advertising Question Finally Settled.

Provisions for the City's Inebriates and Insane—A Charity Bureau Scheme Defeated—A Section on Crematories.

The Board of Freeholders further considered the sections relating to the proposed legislative department on Monday night.

Mr. Hayes introduced a section which provides that any officer giving a false certificate of supplies furnished shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be removed from office. The fact and cause of removal shall be entered on the records of the Board of Supervisors.

The two following sections were then adopted: No expenditures, debts or liabilities shall be made, contracted or incurred during any fiscal year that cannot be paid out of the revenues provided for said fiscal year. Any contracts contrary to the above shall be void.

No part of the income or revenue provided for any particular fiscal year shall ever be applied in payment of any indebtedness or liability incurred during any previous fiscal year, the interest and sinking funds upon the lawfully contracted and funded city and county debt alone excepted.

The Committee on Health Department reported back a section relating to the establishment of a Board of Health, the appointment and powers of quarantine officers, and the appointment of officers for City and County Hospital, Almshouse, Smallpox Hospital and City Receiving Hospital. It also prescribes the salaries to be paid to the various officers.

LAST NIGHT'S SESSION.

On reassembling again last evening, Mr. Harrison presided and all were present except Mr. Hayes.

Consideration of the last chapter of the report of the Committee on Legislative Department was resumed.

Section 14, a condensation of the One-twelfth Act, was passed without amendment.

Section 15, requiring all appropriation resolutions to be presented to the Auditor for his certificate of the Treasury's ability to pay the same without violating any of the provisions of the chapter, before passage by the board, was also passed.

Section 16, requiring all claims to be valid at the time of their incurrence, and forbidding any legalizing of claims barred by limitation, etc., was also passed without material change.

Section 17, empowering any taxpayer to maintain an action to restrain any department from incurring any liability against the treasury in contravention of any provision of the charter, or to compel the refunding of any sum paid on such liability, was stricken out in its entirety.

There was some discussion over Section 18, providing that no public contracts for gas or other lights shall be made to extend over one year, several of the board holding that better terms could be secured on long-time contracts and others to the contrary. A motion to extend the time to two years was lost by a vote of eight noes to six yeas. The affirmatives were Messrs. Booth, Hobrook, Macdonald, Magee, McKee and Wilson.

The section was amended to include all forms of illumination, and to provide that the city should not pay a higher rate than private consumers.

Section 19, which was similar to the latter amendment of Section 18, except that it applied to water instead of light, was also the subject of much discussion. A motion to strike it out was lost by a tie vote, and, after a slight change in the phraseology, it was adopted.

PAYING DEMANDS.

Mr. Taylor's reconstruction of Section 13 of Chapter III of the report was then taken up, and read as follows:

Sec. 13. Every demand against said city and county shall, in addition to the other entries and indorsements upon the same required by this charter, set forth and show the ordinance or authorization under which the same was allowed; the name of the Supervisors, board, department, officer or authority authorizing the same; the fiscal year in which the same was incurred; the name of the specific fund out of which the demand is payable; and the number of the demand as to such specific fund for such fiscal year. Each demand shall likewise have written or printed upon it a statement that the same can only be paid out of the income and revenue provided for the fiscal year in which it was incurred, and shall refer to Chapter II of this article; and shall be numbered with reference to the specific fund out of which it is payable, and to the fiscal year in which it was incurred. A new numbering of all demands shall commence with each fiscal year.

The entire section was referred to the Finance Committee for incorporation in their report.

A CHARITY BUREAU.

Mr. Hallidie submitted a scheme for a Charity Bureau, to be incorporated in Chapter II on Provisions by the Supervisors, as follows:

To appropriate out of the General Fund a sum not exceeding $250 per month and to provide a suitable room for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Bureau of Charities under such rules and regulations as they may approve. Such Bureau when established must be free from religious and sectarian direction and shall be managed by a Board of four reputable citizens, who shall be freeholders of the city and county and who shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Mayor and serve without salary.

The proposed section provoked considerable opposition, especially from Mr. Greenebaum, who calculated that such an institution would bring an army of tramps into the city from all over the State.

Mr. Hallidie said the desire was merely to make the city the agent of the charitably inclined, so that inquiry as to the deserving character of applicants could be made. It was not calculated that the city should furnish the money to be distributed.

Motions to refer and postpone were lost, and the section was defeated.

THE CARE OF INEBRIATES.

Mr. Hallidie then introduced the following:

To appropriate out of the General Fund a sum not exceeding $750 per month for the care and cure of confirmed inebriates and the temporary detention of the insane, or such persons as may be charged with insanity, pending examination.

Mr. Marye doubted the propriety of the city's caring for confirmed inebriates.

Mr. Magee thought it an imperative duty on the part of the city to care for the insane pending the transfer to the State asylums, and if drunkards, who put the city to expense week after week, could be straightened out at all, it would be economy to include them in the measures for the care of the insane.

Mr. McRuer amended to reduce the sum to $500, to be paid to the Home of the Inebriates for the care of such individuals of either class, as might be temporarily committed to the institution by the courts.

With this amendment the section was adopted.

NEW PROVISIONS.

Mr. Taylor submitted a section authorizing the Board of Supervisors to establish crematories, provide for their conduct and management and limit them to certain territories.

This was adopted without discussion.

Mr. Holbrook offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislative Department report a section to enable the Supervisors to provide funds to meet extra expenses that may be incurred in cases of great emergency, calamity or epidemic.

Adopted.

Mr. McKee submitted an amendment to the section on licenses, as follows:

To regulate and impose a license tax upon public amusements, shows and exhibitions, pawnbrokers and railroad passenger cars; upon the manufacture, sale, transportation or storage of any combustibles or explosives; upon astrologers, fortune-tellers, clairvoyants and spiritual mediums who practice their profession for hire; upon billiard tables, bowling alleys, shooting galleries and other games and amusements kept or conducted for gain or hire; upon the sale at retail of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, alcoholic or malt liquors, and upon all such other callings, trades, employments, businesses and places not prohibited by law that may require special police surveillance, or that may be prejudicial to public morals and the general welfare.

This was adopted as read.

PUBLIC ADVERTISING.

Mr. Taylor called for his amendment to the much-discussed provision for letting public printing, which was as follows:

Section 3. All city and county official advertising shall be in like manner let by the Supervisors to the lowest responsible bidder publishing a daily newspaper in said city and county which has a bona-fide daily circulation of at least eight thousand copies, and which has been in existence at the time of letting said contract at least two years. The award shall in all cases be made to the bidder making the lowest aggregate bid.

Said advertising shall be construed to mean the advertising of all official reports, orders, resolutions, ordinances and notices, and all legal notices and process of every kind, nature, character and description, including those of the Sheriff's office, except only such legal notices and process as are by law issuable out of the Clerk's office of said city and county.

No part of said advertising shall be charged or contracted for at a higher rate than any other part of the same is charged or contracted for, except only in the case of the delinquent tax list. Any such overcharge shall cause the immediate forfeiture of the contract entered into for such official advertising.

The advertising of said delinquent tax list shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, on a separate bidding from all other official advertising.

The newspaper to which the award of said advertising is made shall be known and designated as the "official newspaper."

No board, department, officer or authority shall ever make any publication which is not expressly authorized by this charter, and shall make all publications so authorized in the official newspaper exclusively, unless otherwise expressly authorized by this charter.

Sections 2 and 3 were transposed, and with this change the amendment was ordered substituted for the one previously submitted.

Section 4 of Chapter III, applying to the purchase of stationery, and making the County Clerk ex-officio City and County Stationer and Storekeeper, was taken up and considered at length. There were many minor changes and reconstructions of phraseology, but the general tenor remained the same.

Mr. Holbrook gave notice of a motion to reconsider certain portions of the Fire Department Committee's report, and the board adjourned until 2 P. M. to-day.

Northern Lights.

A singular manifestation of the aurora borealis took place Monday night between half-past 12 and 1 o'clock. Two deep red parallel clouds appeared above a dark bank of clouds in the northeastern sky a few degrees over the horizon. From the higher portions of the city the phenomenon was seen to excellent advantage.

Sister St. George's Obsequies.

The funeral of Sister Mary St. George took place yesterday morning from the San Jose College of Notre Dame, in which the deceased had labored for the past thirty-three years. A large number of the convent's ex-pupils from this city and other parts were in attendance at the obsequies with the present scholars of the institution, and many residents of San Jose. The

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