

THE CITY COUNCIL

City Engineer Wilton's Report In Reference to the Lanes Down Road.

He Claims That His Recommendations Were Not Carried Out.

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen was held yesterday evening at the city hall...

A letter was received from A. Foster Bartram complaining of the obstruction of Beacon and St. Andrew's streets...

R. P. Rither, M.P.P., wrote acknowledging the letter as Admiralty House and asking for information as to the cost...

The following report was read from the city engineer and referred to the streets committee:

December 28, 1896. Gentlemen: With regard to the subject-matter of a communication referred to in the report of the streets committee...

"I have the honor to report that I examined the site referred to, and, in my opinion, the best way to deal with the matter, having due regard to economy and efficiency, would be to plank over the water course...

"The work as carried out under the direction of the then chairman of the streets committee, differed from that recommended in my report...

Ald. Macmillan said the only way the city engineer was interfered with was that a railing had been put up to get on to it.

Ald. Tiarks wanted to know if the streets committee had been engineering on their own account.

Ald. Macmillan explained that the work was not fully carried out, as funds were lacking.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, highlighting its benefits for various ailments.

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WITH DUE HONOR.

Remains of Kate Field Incinerated at Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The final obsequies over the remains of the late Kate Field were held in Trinity church on Sunday.

The large edifice was crowded to the doors with the most prominent people of the city who assembled to do honor to the memory of the dead woman.

The services were conducted by Rev. George E. Walk, and were according to the ritual of the Episcopal church. H. J. Stewart was the musical director, and the choir, with Mrs. M. and "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," as the casket was borne from the church.

After the church ceremonies the body was taken to the crematory at Odd Fellows' cemetery, where it was incinerated. The ashes will be sent to H. H. Kohlhaas, of Chicago, who will see that they are placed in the Mount Auburn cemetery, Boston, according to the wish expressed by Miss Field.

The pall-bearers were Mayor-elect James D. Phelan; A. W. Foster, president of the San Francisco & Northern Pacific railway; Attorney General P. H. Highton; W. H. Mills, head of the Southern Pacific land department; W. C. Deament and C. M. Coe, representing the Press Club; Henry James, of the all-British railway; Attorney General P. Booth, of the Report; E. C. Roberts, of the Post; James S. Tyler, of the Bulletin, and Alfred B. Nye, managing editor of the Oakland Engineer.

The Press Club of San Francisco, assisted by Mrs. Henry Highton, took charge of all the arrangements for the funeral, the expenses of which are paid by Mr. Kohlhaas.

"Washington, Dec. 27.—The Press Club, San Francisco: The president will be very glad to avail himself of your kindness to have a floral offering placed on the casket in remembrance of him."

"HENRY E. THURBER, "Private Secretary." The Press Club accordingly caused a large bunch of white roses to be placed on the casket in compliance with the wish of Mr. Kohlhaas.

"ALBERT JOHNSON." Among other floral offerings were a large bunch of white chrysanthemums, surmounted by white roses from Mr. Kohlhaas, with the inscription: "She represented the best elements of the press and the country."

Advertisement for Hood's Pills, describing its effectiveness for various ailments.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Absolutely Pure Baking Powder

TALKING TAXATION

Cedar Hill Electors Discuss Method of Assessing Property in District.

They Pass a Resolution Protesting Against the Assessor's High Valuations.

The boisterousness of the weather probably accounted for the small attendance at the meeting held in the Cedar Hill school house last evening for the purpose of discussing the rate of assessment levied on property throughout the Victoria electoral district.

Mr. Miller hoped that good would come from discussing taxation at public meetings. Their representative would receive some good suggestions. They should, however, sink personal interests and do what is in the interests of the whole province.

As no one appeared anxious to address the meeting Hon. D. M. Eberts suggested that as Mr. Stevens and others who addressed the meeting of Royal Oak were present they might be given the opportunity to speak and he would be afterwards pleased to give his views.

Chairman Miller then read a letter from Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken in which he regretted his inability to be present on account of illness.

Mr. David Stevens in response to a general invitation delivered an interesting address in which he pointed out the disadvantages under which the farmers labored. He maintained that their properties were assessed at the same values as they were in boom days, and until now no objection was made.

He explained this by stating that while other trades and professions organized in their own interests farmers remained untried, but, each working for himself and none in the general interests. If farmers would unite their grievances would soon be reduced. As all were dependent on the farmers, they should be treated properly. He could not understand how a man sitting in his office over James Bay could equally assess all lands throughout the island.

Mr. Stevens also thought it advisable to write the resolution. The committee was that the assessors were not assessing properly and they were not assessing a man who could assess them properly. Mr. Sears was also of the opinion that the resolution was all right except the portion referring to the assessor. Mr. Sears held that the money expended in the district had not been expended judiciously. There were no losses.

The amendment was then put and carried by a vote of 8 to 5. The final motion as amended was then carried. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting adjourned.

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WEEK IN EUROPE

MacLaren Gives His Impressions of the United States and Her Public Men.

London, Jan. 2.—Most newspapers re-echo the opinion of 1896, criticize the policy of Great Britain's foreign policy evinced by the list of resolutions produced during the numerous storms that marked the year.

Mr. Irving suggested that the government to secure the necessary authority to tax themselves should spend their own money. The electors should not get into a habit of paying for the government's expenses. Mr. J. F. Chandler did not vote for the resolution at the Royal Oak meeting because he would refuse to favor a resolution reflecting on the assessor. Mr. Booth, the assessor, however, could not assess all the land without a personal knowledge. The assessor of revision did not redress all grievances. Those who kicked got what they wanted; those who didn't got nothing. If one man got his assessment reduced, it unbalanced the whole assessment. The farmers were placed at a disadvantage in such a court. The assessor knew little about the value of land. If the farmer did not get a taxation reduced he could appeal to the supreme courts and the judges were less about the value of land than did the judge of the court of revision. (Laughter.)

Mr. Stevens again spoke briefly to the resolution. He pointed out that what they went to the present assessor to do was not his fault, that he carried out the instructions of the government. Mr. Stevens held that the assessor did not understand his business or he would not have assessed lands in South Victoria as he had done. Stevens then seconded the resolution.

Mr. J. F. Chandler moved an amendment striking out that portion which called for the appointment of another assessor. Mr. George Deans seconded the amendment.

Mr. Stevens protested against one section passing one resolution and another section a different resolution. If they wished to accomplish anything they should be unanimous.

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Charles Tupper, former premier and ex-High Commissioner, will return to Canada on January 17th. Mr. John Watson, who has just returned from his tour of the United States, is held in high esteem by the English universities. He says the Yale professors are mostly very bright, making a splendid audience. Dr. Watson was also impressed with the important position taken by the Scotch in the colonies of America and says Americans were a deal less part in public life in England. In addition the Scotch are favorably impressed with American homes, "about all essential things resemble English life." Dr. Watson is further quoted as stating that the rich class in America aim at the imitation of English country houses.

Mr. White House, where he had spent his childhood, impressed him as a "very able and honest man." The assessor left on his mind regarding Mr. O'Leary was that he has a "powerful intellect." Both President Cleveland and Secretary Olney, from the interview with Dr. Watson, to have expressed satisfaction in the fact that the difficulty between the United States and Great Britain has been settled. The patriotism of Americans generally and the "attachment to the central government" and other things much impressed "Jan. MacLaren" during his sojourn in the United States. The past fifteen months nearly 500 persons became converts to the Catholic church, of this number being in the diocese of Westminster. The chief feature of the estate market taken by the Scotch in the colonies of the West Indies was the large Devonshire sold his fine estate of 1000 acres in West Cork, including the town of Bandon, to Sir John Arden for £250,000. Lord Ashburton's disposal of his West Indian property of 10,000 acres Lord Church's magnificent country house, Lord Byron's Oxfordshire, consisting of 10,000 acres with the historical mansion, was formerly the hunting lodge of Henry III. and the Marquis of

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmer's Produce Carefully Corrected.

Table listing various market commodities and their prices, including flour, wheat, barley, and other agricultural products.