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The Levee--Posture of Affairs.

We are quite sure that the present posture of affairs on the Levee, as shadowed forth by the proceedings of the City Council last evening, will be regarded as lam-

table in the extreme.

It appears from a statement submitted by Mr. Binney, the Engineer, and from remarks made by the Levee Committee, that for the last three days the work on that part of the Levee, under the immediate control of the original contractors, has been virtually suspended. A large portion of the Levee has been sub-let, to wit: Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8—on a portion of which there is scarcely force sufficient to complete the work within the period specified. But the main cause of doubt as to whether the Levee will be completed at an early day, arises from the manner in which the original contractors, who have sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11, are performing their work. The Engineer reports all of these sections (except the second) as having been "virtually abandoned." The force supplied by these contractors amounts only to thirteen scrapers and nine men! And the entire force of original and sub-contractors, sums up as follows: 16 carts, 18 scrapers, and 113 men—"totally inadequate," as Mr. Binney remarks, "to complete the work."

After the presentation of Mr. Binney's statement to the Council, Mr. Strong offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contractors on the Levee be informed that unless immediate compliance be made with the demands of the Engineer and Levee Committee, the work will be re-let under the contract.

The President of the Council stated that the city was ready to comply with the contract on its part—that money was now awaiting the progress of the work.

By permission of the Council, Mr. Binney stated that with the exception of the sub-contracts, the Levee was not progressing with that energy which the season required.

Mr. Tweed remarked that Mr. Gay (one of the original contractors) desired him to say, that all the hands had been paid, and no difficulty would exist hereafter. That every one seemed disappointed, although it was gratifying, that the city had been able to comply with her part of the contract, and that in cash. Mr. Tweed proposed that the matter should lie over.

Dr. Mackenzie moved that the statement of the Engineer be referred to the Levee Committee, with instructions to report tomorrow (this) evening.

Mr. Hardenburg remarked that the Levee Committee had done what they conceived to be their duty in this matter, and all further responsibility must rest with the Council or where it properly belonged.

Mr. Strong was in favor of decisive action, and urged the passage of his resolution.

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Mr. McDowell was in favor of positive movements, but thought this matter admitted of delay, in consequence of its great importance.

The ayes and noes being called on Dr. Mackenzie's motion, it was lost, as follows:
Ayes—Messrs. McDowell and Mackenzie.

Nays—Messrs. Moore, Queen, Strong, Tweed and Hardenburg.

The question recurring on Mr. Strong's motion, it was adopted.

It is certainly a source of the deepest regret to find our Levee placed in so unsatisfactory a position. The contractors have heretofore won for themselves golden opinions for their energy and promptitude, and we yet have strong hopes that their embarrassment is but temporary, and will be speedily overcome. One thing is certain, let the people pay their taxes, and we have the strongest assurances that the Levee will be completed, even though it be found necessary to re-let the work.

INDIAN DEPREDATIONS.—The Indians all along the upper Sacramento and Trinity diggings are becoming exceedingly troublesome. We have several late accounts of murders committed by them.

About two weeks since, near the upper crossing of the Trinity, a man named Otey was walking along, his partner being in the rear. Something hitting him, he turned and discovered three Indians, who had discharged their arrows, three of them probing him in the back. On starting for the purpose of joining his partner, two more arrows struck him, wounding him dangerously, if not mortally.

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The other case was that of a young man named Hebron, who was on his way to the States, having made his "pile" in the diggings, along the Trinity. It occurred about twenty-five miles this side of Redding's Spring, (Shasta City) at a point where there was a large number of persons encamped. Hebron was about laying down in his blankets when he was struck by two arrows, which caused his death in twenty-four hours. The Indians who committed the murder belong to the Cotton Wood tribe. As soon as it was known, Maj. Redding offered to furnish eight men, for the purpose of going in quest of the murderers and visiting them with summary justice.