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City Clerk.

We would again inquire what the Comptroller will have to do besides receiving his salary, provided the City Clerk is competent to the duties of his office?

We answer by copying the following section from the charter:

SECTION 40. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Common Council to keep the corporate seal, and all the papers and documents belonging to the city; to file them in his office under appropriate heads; to attend the sittings of the Common Council, and keep a journal of their proceedings, and a record of all by-laws and ordinances; to countersign all warrants and licenses issued in pursuance of the orders and ordinances of the Common Council, and affix the corporate seal thereto; to keep an accurate account in a suitable book, under the appropriate heads of expenditures, of all orders drawn on the Treasury and all warrants issued in pursuance thereof; also to keep an account in an appropriate book of all licenses issued, with the name of the person to whom issued, the date of the issue, the time for which the same is granted, and the sum paid therefor.

It will be seen from the above, that the duties of the Clerk of the Council are defined by the charter, and that they do not include any portion of the duties assigned, and which are properly devolved upon a Comptroller. Whatever the Clerk does outside his legitimate and specified duties, he charges extra for, as he has a right to do. The Council can only require him to perform his duties under the charter. Hence the reason why he was paid some \$1,700 last year for extra work.

THE MAILS DELAYED—INEXCUSABLE NEG-

LIGENCE.—The mail steamer Sonora arrived at the bay before 4 o'clock yesterday, and although the Sacramento mails are assorted and in bags by themselves, ready to be immediately forwarded, they were, owing to the negligence of those whose duty it is to attend to their dispatch, kept back until after the departure of the Sacramento boat. The inconvenience which this neglect inflicts upon our business men is the more keenly felt now, as it will be impossible for them to forward even telegraphic answers to their letters before the departure of the John L. Stephens. We trust that in future this evil will be remedied by those having this important matter in charge.

STEAM FLOURING MILL IN YOLO COUNTY.—The county of Yolo as is well known, is unsurpassed in the richness of its agricultural resources, and particularly in its adaptation to the growing of cereal grains. The annual overflow of the Sacramento, together with the numerous streams that thread every section of the county render it the best watered portion of the State. The quantity as well as quality of the grains produced compares favorably with that of Santa Clara, and far exceeds in its yield to the acre that of the richest tracts in Monroe county, New York, the largest wheat growing county in the United States. It affords us pleasure to state that a market for the farmer is to be established in their very midst—in other words that Mr. Jerome C. Davis, a pioneer settler on Putah Creek is immediately to erect on his premises a steam flouring mill. The building will be large, containing two run of stones, a twenty horse power engine, and all the necessary fixtures for grinding grain in the most careful, thorough and expeditious manner. The mill will be completed and ready to go into

The mill will be completed and ready to go into operation by the 15th inst. This enterprise should, as it doubtless will, prove a rich harvest to the proprietor, while at the same time it will prove of incalculable benefit and great convenience to those who "carry their own grist to the mill."

THE HELMS.—In our account of the brothers Helms, who were engaged in the late affray at Diamond Springs, we stated, upon the information of the Deputy Sheriff of El Dorado, that one of the brothers shot a man in Bird's Valley in 1850. We have since learned, by gentlemen who were residents of Bird's Valley at that time, that the two brothers who then resided at that place are not related to the celebrated Helms family of nine brothers. The shooting at Bird's Valley was declared by a jury of miners to have been strictly in self-defence and fully justifiable. A similarity of name, we presume, led to the mistake.

INDIAN DISTURBANCE.—Dr. Hewitt informs the *Stockton Journal* that the miners on the Merced are fearing an attack from the Indians on account of the murder of a savage chief at Pleasant Valley, some time since. Cypriano, the head chief, having failed to induce the whites to give up the murderer, threatens to take satisfaction on the white settlements. The squaws and children have been driven to the mountains, and the warriors collected in camp. A reward is offered for the head of Cypriano.

FIRE AT SWEETLAND'S.—By the *Nevada Democrat* we learn that a fire broke out in Moore's boarding house, in the village of Sweetland's, on Monday evening the 28th ult. The fire, quickly consuming this building, spread to the store of Mr. Webb, which was also destroyed together with the out buildings. The whole

ed, together with the out buildings. The whole loss is nearly \$6,000. Mr. Webb lost nearly \$3,000 worth of goods. Dr. Ripley's office, with all his medicines, books, clothes and a quantity of money, were consumed.

MURDOCH'S READINGS.—The Nevada *Democrat* speaks in unqualified terms of praise of the readings of Mr. Murdoch in that place on Tuesday evening. The house was well filled with a most intelligent audience, who testified their approbation either by profound silence or bursts of applause.

AN ANTIQUE JOURNAL.—The Los Angeles *Star* is one of the oldest newspapers in California. The last number received is the first of the fourth volume.