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**MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 5, 1854.**

The letter which we publish this morning from Mazatlan, although of an earlier date than we have received from that port, furnishes us with the full particulars which we have not before had, of the out-

rageous treatment of the passengers who left here on the *Patrita* for Guaymas, and who, after receiving harsh treatment there, were driven to Mazatlan, where they suffered the tortures and indignities detailed in our correspondent's letter. There seems no excuse for the action of the Mexican authorities at that port, and we do not see but that our Government must take some official notice of outrages which have there been inflicted upon American citi-

zens.

While it is no matter of justification that foreigners, in the pursuit of their legitimate business, should be so treated, the reason is a very plain one: We have to thank the filibustering expeditions which have been fitted out and sailed from this port, for a good portion of the ill treatment which these unfortunate passengers of the *Patrita* have received. This may be a disagreeable fact for us to swallow,

but it nevertheless is one. It was not until the rumors of the projected expedition of Walker reached Guaymas, that Americans, and particularly those

coming from this port, began to be ill-treated there—and although this vengeful spirit may be and is wrong, it is perfectly natural. Still it affords no excuse, and these people must be taught to discriminate between pirates and filibusters, and quiet, peaceable citizens of the United States, and taught that they must not be allowed, without some shadow of reason, to imprison them with impunity.

Both Boards of the Common Council will meet at their rooms in the City Hall this evening at 7½

o'clock. We hope they will take up the police ordinance, which was laid over in the Board of Assistants, at its last meeting on Thursday evening. The many robberies and thefts which are nightly committed in our city, exhibit too plainly to require any argument, the fact that something must be done to give greater security to life and property, and nothing seems to promise to effect this so surely as an addition to, and a better organization of, our police department.

Below, we give the statements of Mayor Garrison and Comptroller Harris, in relation to the amounts of money collected from fines, and paid over by Recorder Baker. It will be seen that they exhibit an entirely different state of affairs from that upon which the Grand Jury have based their indictment of the Recorder. The figures will speak for themselves, and need no comment. The general opinion which we have heard expressed, in relation to this matter, is that the Grand Jury have rather strained a point in this matter, and that there is probably some cause working behind them which is not fully exhibited, and which has induced them to their course of action. There is an absurdity on the very face of the matter, in the idea that a man of the standing of Recorder Baker should render himself liable to a process of this kind for the paltry sum of \$1300. We have no doubt but that the matter will end without the least particle of discredit to him.

**To the Public.**

CITY HALL, SAN FRANCISCO, 4th June, 1854.  
We, the undersigned, have had our attention directed to an indictment published in this morning's papers, wherein G. W. Baker, City Recorder, is charged with being a defaulter in the sum of \$1226. In performance of our duty, and in order to inform the public of the facts, we have therefore examined the books of the Recorder's Court, and carefully computed the amount of fines collected for the months of February, March, April, and May. The result is:

We find, that on the 1st of February last the Recorder made a final settlement with the City Treasurer, turning over all moneys then in his hands. Since that date, the receipts from fines have been as follows:

From the 1st to 28th February, 1854,	.....	\$1292 50
" " 1st to 31st March, "	.....	1114 50
" " 1st to 30th April, "	.....	1080 00
" " 1st to 31st May, "	.....	928 50
Making a total of receipts from 1st February to the 31st May, of.....		\$4415 50

We also find from vouchers in the possession of the Recorder, that the following sums

of the Recorder, that the following sums have been paid by him into the City Treasury:

February 4th.....	\$302 50
" 13th.....	299 00
" 23d.....	237 50
March 24th.....	867 43
April 29th.....	999 23
May 15th.....	633 53
" 31st.....	1000 00

Making a total of payments of ..... \$4389 99

Which sum deducted from the whole amount received, leaves a balance of ..... \$25 51

Due by the Recorder to the City on the 1st of June, 1854. Against which the City is indebted to the Recorder his salary for the month of May, amounting to \$333 33.

It may be proper for us to remark that the Recorder received \$500 in the month of April, which sum is properly withheld by him to abide the issue of an appeal.

We do not pretend to account for the disparity existing between the finding of the Grand Jury and the facts as stated by us; we only assure the public that we have repeatedly examined the accounts, and are satisfied that no other result can be arrived at.

C. K. GARRISON, Mayor.  
S. R. HARRIS, Comptroller.

We publish this morning the first of a series of

letters promised us by Mr. Kemble, who is at present near the theatre of action in the East, and will

continue to publish them as long as our esteemed associate will continue to supply us.

**THE CHINESE MISSION CHAPEL.**—This place of worship was dedicated yesterday by religious service and a sermon from Rev. William Spear, in the Chinese language. The congregation was small; there were not more than thirty Chinamen present, but the majority of them were very attentive and behaved themselves with great propriety throughout the service.

The Chapel is situated on the N. E. corner of Stockton and Sacramento streets, fronting 37 feet on the former and 44 feet on the latter, and is two stories in height, the first 13 and the second 10 feet in the clear. Owing to the grade of the two streets there is a basement and a cellar below Stockton street, the former of which is divided into a school room and library, and a store, which is intended to be let together with the cellar. In the principal story is the Chapel, which contains seats for about 300 persons, and which is intended to be illuminated with gas as soon as the pipes are laid in the street. The clergyman's study is on the same floor, communicating with the Chapel. The upper story is intended as a residence for the clergyman and his family, and is divided into a kitchen, pantry, parlor, dining room and three sleeping rooms. A flight of stairs leads to the roof, from which a magnificent view of

stairs leads to the roof, from which a magnificent view of the city and bay may be obtained. The foundation walls are of stone, from two to three feet in thickness, and the remainder of the walls are of brick, twelve inches thick, and the floors are framed with timber 12 inches in depth. The contractor for the work was Mr. McGill, and the whole is done as substantially as any building in California or the Eastern States. The two fronts are to be finished with mastic.

This enterprise was commenced by Rev. Mr. Spear in July last year, and at a lecture on the 21st of that month upwards of \$8000 was subscribed for the erection of the building, but from various causes operations were not commenced till late in the season, and from the character of the work considerable time has necessarily been employed in its construction. The whole cost of the building has been about eighteen thousand dollars, nearly all of which has been contributed by our generous citizens, who are never backward in any cause which has for its object the instruction and elevation of the human mind. The Board of Trustees consists of three of our oldest and most respected citizens, James B. Roberts, David S. Turner and H. C. Beals. It is the intention of Mr. Spear not only to preach to the Chinese in their own language, but to instruct them in the English in all its branches, and to improve their condition to the greatest possible degree, in which praiseworthy occupation he will no doubt meet with complete success.

**SQUATTERS AND RUMORS OF SQUATTERS.**—A startling rumor was circulated on the streets yesterday morning, to the effect that there had been a bloody squatter riot out near the Mission, in which five persons, three on one side and two on the other, had been killed on the spot. The particulars of the affair turn out to be somewhat less melo-dramatic. There has been for some time a difficulty between Capt. Folsom and a party of squatters about the title of a lot, and about two or three o'clock Saturday morning, the squatters again attempted to take possession of the lot, which is situated on First street, near the gas works. A general fight ensued between the parties, in which pistols were freely used, but we have heard of but one man, named J. L. Smith, who was on the squatter side, being shot. He was lodged yesterday in the State Marine Hospital, and lies in a dangerous condition. Owing to the darkness of the night and the confusion, it is not known who fired the shot. No arrests have been made as yet.

**BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS' SALE.**—Messrs Selover & Sinton will sell to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, the State's interest in a large amount of valuable real estate, for particulars of which see advertisement in another column.



**PORT ORFORD NEWS.**—There has been a good deal of excitement during the past week at Port Orford, on the subject of rich diggings said to have been discovered on Galice Creek, which empties from the south into Rogue River, about fifty miles from Port Orford. These mines were found by the party which started out about a month since from Port Orford to open a pack trail to Yreka. The prospects are represented as having been exceedingly favorable, and the ground extensive. A number of persons had left the vicinity of Port Orford for Galice Creek, with strong expressions of confidence in the reliability of the report. There was another report that diggings had been discovered on Deer Creek, only seventeen miles from the Port.

The party which had gone out to open the Jacksonville trail, had proceeded beyond the more difficult portion of the route, but have not as yet returned. It was supposed, however, that they had about concluded their labors, and the first train of pack mules was to start for Jacksonville and Yreka in the beginning of the week.

**THE LOWER KLAMATH.**—A number of prospecting parties are out on the Lower Klamath and the reports are very favorable. All agree that the gold is very extensively diffused, and that the valley must in a few years be entirely dug up. Just now the Salmon River mines are the great attraction for the dissatisfied miners, North of Shasta and West of Yreka. The Indians on the Lower Klamath are quiet, and will probably take no part in any difficulties which may follow the alleged murder of Topsy and of Shasta Bill on the upper part of the river.

**SUNDAY.**—Yesterday was a lovely day, despite the wind. Stockton street was thronged with people, till a late hour in the afternoon, out to get a glimpse of the bay, and enjoy the cool and really refreshing breeze, (barring the dust.) There is one of the prettiest views from the foot of Stockton street that can be obtained in any portion of the city.

**THE RUSS PAVEMENT.**—What has become of the Russ Pavement which was to be laid down on Montgomery street, between Clay and Sacramento streets? We have a strong desire that the pavement should be given a trial in this city, as it is beyond all doubt the best, and we believe in the end it is the cheapest one which can be used.