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**Grand Indian Council in Nevada.**

The Nevada *Democrat* contains the following account  
 of a recent Indian gathering at Storm's Ranch :

We were present, on Monday last, at the "Indian Council," at Storm's ranch. Among those present on the occasion were Major General Wool, our two Senators in Congress, Col. Henly, the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and other State and Federal officers. About a hundred citizens of the county were in attendance, who went generally from curiosity. An excellent dinner was prepared by Mr. Storms for the occasion.

The "Council" came off in the bull pen; the whites taking their places on the seats designed for the audience, and the Indians being seated in the centre of the ring. Mr. Storms, who acted as interpreter, gave the names of the Indians present—about twenty-five in all—and the tribes they represented. It appears that nearly all the tribes within fifty miles of here were represented by their leading men. The common Indians remained at home to gather grasshoppers.

Col. Henly then stated that it was the wish of the General Government that they should remove out of the mining counties, where they were in close contact with the whites; that a fine reservation had been made for them near the coast range of mountains, where they would never again be disturbed; that if they would consent to go, the government would put in their crops, and feed and clothe them until they could take care of themselves.

There was an evident reluctance on the part of the Indians to give a direct answer. They complained of having heretofore been deceived by the government agents; and Col. Henly endeavored to satisfy them that there would be no deception this time. One of the most sensible things said on the occasion was the following short speech from Wemeh, the head chief.

"Why," said he, "do you not remove the Chinese? The Indians are better than the Chinese, and you allow them to remain among you. Remove the Chinese first—then we will go."

It was finally agreed that delegates from the various tribes should go and examine the reservation, and assist to put in crops this fall.

Col. Henly then informed the audience that if it was the wish of the citizens of Nevada county that the Indians should remain among them, he would not attempt to remove them. The audience then resolved themselves into a county mass meeting, Judge Wm. T. Barbour presiding; and a committee of seven was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the wishes of the citizens of the county. While the committee was out, speeches were made by Senators Gwin and Weller.

The committee then returned with a majority and minority report—four being in favor of their removal, and three in favor of letting them alone. The majority report was adopted by a small vote.

There are now between four and five hundred Indians living in Nevada county. They are a harmless, peaceable race, and have so far been on good terms with the whites. We are confident that they cannot, by fair means, be induced to abandon their native homes, for the prospective advantages of what is to them an unknown country.

**BROWN'S VALLEY QUARTZ.**—A correspondent of the *California Express*, writing from Brown's Valley in Yuba county, says that miners, by pounding the quartz rock in common mortars, realize from \$4 to \$12 per diem. Two men have taken out in one day \$880. Mr. Nicholas with two hands took out last week \$176; the previous week \$140. This week, so far, hands are making from \$4 to \$16 per day. The mode employed is by breaking

the mode operand is by washing in a common cradle the dirt and decomposed rock which forms the casing of the vein. One machine similar to the Chilian mill is highly spoken of. With four horses as motive power, it will crush in eight hours two tons; last week being the first trial, they took out \$600 in eight tons of rock.

#### Board of Aldermen.—Oct. 5.

Present: Aldermen Van Bokkelen, Van Ness, Buckingham, Moore, Norton, Hyde, Gough.

Alderman Atwill in the chair.

Motion made to proceed to ballot for Clerk.

Prior to commencing the balloting, Alderman Norton rose and demanded leave to say a few words. He stated that he understood several of the members had said that he was influenced to vote for Mr. Crane; and by the way in which it had been said, he understood them to mean that he had been influenced in an improper manner. It was so, in justice to himself he would most strenuously deny all such charges. In all his actions he was bound to be governed by his conscience, and to be influenced by his own views of right and wrong, and not by any one's opinion, &c.

The balloting then proceeded. At the fourth ballot to elect a Clerk the vote stood as follows: Crane 3, Hassen 4, blank 1.

Ald. Buckingham then moved to take a recess for 15 minutes. Carried.

The Board adjourned for the time specified, but were out for the space of one hour and three quarters. On their return the balloting proceeded, and Mr. Crane received 3 votes; Blank, 3. Mr. Crane was therefore declared duly elected Clerk of the Board.

A motion was then made to go into ballot for Sergeant-at-Arms. Carried.

The following names were offered as candidates: Wm. G. Green, C. White, Jacob Lerman. — Moss, H. B. Burr, P. F. O'Brien, H. M. Grim, J. H. Brown.

After making fourteen attempts to make an election, the votes stood as follows: Lerman, 4; Grim, 1; Green, 1; Moss, 2.

Motion made to discontinue the voting for Sergeant-at-Arms, and to proceed with the other business before the Board. Carried.

Motion made that the rules of the previous Board of Aldermen be adopted for the use of this Board. Adopted.

President Atwill, after making a few remarks, appointed the following committees:

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*Committee on Auditing*—Van Bokelen, Hyde and Moore.

*Licences and Taxes*—Norton, Van Ness and Buckingham.

*Ordinances*—Hyde, Norton and Van Ness.

*Fire and Water*—Buckingham, Van Bokkelen, and Gough.

*Health and Police*—Moore, Hyde, and Van Ness.

*Finance*—Norton, Van Ness, and Buckingham.

*Judiciary*—Van Ness, Moore, and Van Bokkelen.

*Taxes and Licenses*—Gough, Van Ness, and Hyde.

*Printing*—Gough, Norton, and Buckingham.

*Rules*—Moore, Buckingham, and Norton.

*Salaries*—Van Ness, Buckingham, and Gough.

*Streets and Public Buildings*—Van Bokkelen, Gough and Norton.

*Lamps, Oil and Gas*—Hyde, Van Bokkelen, and Moore.

*Joint Committee on Accounnts*—Norton, Van Ness, and Buckingham.

*Markets*—Gough, Hyde, and Moore.

*Wharves, Piers and Slips*—Buckingham, Norton, and Van Bokkelen.

The Board then adjourned until Monday evening next, when the charges concerning the election frauds will be investigated.

**Board of Assistant Aldermen.—Oct. 5.**

Board met last night at half-past 7 o'clock.

Present: Ald. Haight, (in the Chair,) Wilde, Piper, Davidson, Maynard, Merrill, Perry, and Story.

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The Chair announced the following as the Standing Committees:

*Auditing*—Merrill, Davidson, and Piper.

*Finance*—Perry, Maynard, and Merrill.

*Fire and Water*—Davidson, Maynard, and Story.

*Health and Police*—Merrill, Wilde, and Davidson.

*Judiciary*—Maynard, Perry, and Story.

*Excise and License*—Wilde, Piper, and Merrill.

*Ordinances*—Story, Wilde, and Davidson.

*Printing*—Story, Perry, and Davidson.

*Rules*—Maynard, Wilde, and Perry.

*Salaries*—Wilde, Merrill, and Story.

*Streets*—Piper, Merrill, and Maynard.

**THE CONTESTED ELECTION IN THE FIRST WARD.**

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER.**

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A lengthy and interesting communication was read from this officer, making suggestions, etc. It is suggested that the great obstructions to proper street improvements have been the want of unanimity among the property holders, and particularly the want of some means to enforce a proper system of sewerage. The communication also suggests that the Eastern portion of the city is sinking, and recommends the building of a sea wall the whole length of the water front. The communication concludes by saying that the incumbent is a candidate again for the office of City Engineer, and hoped that the arduous duties of the office may be performed with better satisfaction under the "more equitable administration" of the present Council. The communication was ordered on file.

#### THE FIRST RELIEF BILL.

With the communication were also presented sundry bills of the Engineer for estimates and engineering amounting to a considerable sum, and also a bill for office rent for \$2400.

Ald. Maynard—The bill for office rent is a very extraordinary one, and before it is referred to the Auditing Committee, I shall move that it be laid on the table.

Ald. Wilde seconded the motion, and the bill was tabled, Ald. Davidson alone voting in the negative.

The rules of business of the old Board were adopted.

The unfinished business of the old Board left in the hands of committees, were severally referred to the same committees.

#### JOINT COMMITTEES AND BOARD OF EDUCATION.

On motion of Ald. Piper, the Board proceeded to elect the Joint Committees and Member of the Board of Education, with the following result:

*Joint Committee on Accounts*—Maynard, Merrill, and Story.

*Joint Committee on Land Claims*—Haight and Piper.

*Member of the Board of Education*—Perry.

The Board then adjourned till Monday evening.