

May 6.


As reported in Part One of *Davisville 1868*—on the months of January through April—the Cal-P started to lay track in Vallejo on April 18. This *Solano Press* report tells us that the work is proceeding apace on several fronts.

PROGRESS.—Work on the Railroad says the Chronicle is now progressing rapidly and satisfactorily. The tracklaying machine is working splendid, putting iron and ties down at the rate of two miles per day. We are assured by parties who know, that the connection will be made with Edieun and Napa by June 1st. The fine passenger cars which we have before referred to are now being put up. It is the intention of the parties interested to commence grading a place for the Grain Elevator next Monday. Some men from Chicago will soon be on their way to this place to build the same. Steps have already been taken towards building more wharfs at the Terminal. The amount expended on the road to date, is \$820,000; and it is estimated \$150,000 more will complete the road, including the bridge over the Sacramento river.

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A PHYSICIAN ARRESTED FOR ABORTION.—About two weeks ago a young woman named Margaret Maggerty, who arrived in San Francisco from Vallejo, died very suddenly in that city. The affair had been shrouded in mystery until very recently, when it was found that her death had resulted from abortion. The physician who attended her in the illness which preceded her death, one Dr. J. W. Fox, was last week arrested on a charge of the above character, and gave bail in the sum of ten thousand dollars. The young man who accompanied

May 13.

Because railroads can manage only modest changes in grade, even places as flat as the Sacramento Valley require the land-leveling devices of **tunnels and bridges**. Here we see equipment imported to build these.

In addition, we see that although the railroad is underway, Solano County financing has faltered and Yolo County financing is still undecided. 

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County Official Press

The Railroad.

The propeller *Stigo* arrived at Suisun on Sunday afternoon laden with bridge timbers, piles, and a pile driver belonging to John A. Fulton who has recently taken the contract to construct all the railroad bridges from Bridgeport to Putah Creek. The working force accompanying are under the charge of Homer Horton, agent for Fulton. For the past two days they have been busy discharging the vessel, and as soon as this is completed teams will be employed and the timbers will be scattered along the line of the road as far as they will reach, when the work of bridge building will be commenced.

The track on the road has been laid from Vallejo to Jamison Capon, over nine miles, and the tracklayer which averages three-quarters of a mile per day, is now at work in the Canon. The tunnel near Bridgeport, whose completion we noticed in our last issue, is over 400 feet in length, 20 feet in height and breadth, and is cut through solid rock nearly the entire distance.

The election in Sonoma county last Saturday resulted adversely to the Vallejo and Sonoma Railroad. The people voted to donate the bonds to the Petaluma and Saucelito route by over 500 majority. The election in Yolo takes place next Saturday.

There is every reason to hope that the road will be completed to Suisun by the middle of June, and to Putah Creek, 46 miles, by the 1st of August.

5-13-68
Suisun Sabbath School.
Sunday, May 10th, being the anniversary

May 20.

Although the *Solano Press*, published in Suisun, has been covering the “railroad story” for months, still in May the editor does not assume that the folks in the Solano Tremont township are aware of it.

TREMONT.

The Railroad Company purchased J. C. Davis' ranch last fall, and this spot has been selected for the grand junction with the Marysville branch of the road. The Company intend to lay out a town here during the summer.

BIRTHS.

FOLTZ—Silveyville, May 14th, the wife of Joseph Foltz, of daughter.

JOHNSON—In Silveyville, May 15th, the wife of Wm. Johnson, of son.

Religious Notices.

M. E. Church, Fairfield.—Quarterly Meeting next Saturday evening, and at the usual hours on

The above report of a plat not yet existing is in accord with other sources. However, it is also reported that people have begun residing in the various farm buildings of the Davis farmstead, now rented to William Dresbach, who is operating the a saloon/hotel/post office/store called Yolo House in the former Jerome Davis home.

June 3,
Item 1.

Silveyville was a going village about three miles north of where the new town of Dixon will be built on the railroad. Although the tracks are approaching, Silveyville people still do not understand that their town is fated for extinction in just a few months.

SILVEYVILLE.

The Concert given in this place, on Friday night, was well attended. Many of the songs were rendered in good style, and others would hardly bear critical inspection. The exercises, as a whole; however, were creditable for a first attempt....The folks here are in a ferment about railroads. Everybody is prophesying in regard to the location of the depot; each man desiring to find out the precise spot, in advance of his neighbor.... Lemon & Taylor have completed 4 1/2 miles of their grading contract....The Telegraph office is open, and messages are received and sent.

COMING BACK TO THEIR FIRST LOVE.—Probably the best joke of the season is the one perpetrated by the *Sentinel* last week in the publication of an advertisement and, headed “Solano County Democratic Barbaque,” for the Fourth of July.

Note that Silveyville was important enough that the just completed telegraph line from Sacramento to San Francisco was routed through it.

June 3,
item 2.

The *Solano Press* reports enthusiastically on the track's progress.

It mentions labor unrest and a **strike**

THE RAILROAD.—The track of the Vallejo railroad has reached Bridgeport, five miles from Suisun, and the locomotive now makes through trips between the two places. An immense force are at work on the grade between Bridgeport and the tunnel, and it will be few days before the whistle of the iron horse will be heard by the people of Suisun.

The railroad between Harrisburg and Suisun is to be completed within thirty days. The Vallejo Co. furnishes the iron, and the Napa Co. does the work. The completion of this four-mile link gives a continuous line of railroad from Vallejo to Calistoga, 42 miles.

It is expected that the California Pacific Railroad Company will run an excursion train to bring up the Vallejo Lodge of Masons to the Masonic celebration in this place, on the 24th of June.

A strike occurred among the railroad laborers on Monday—forty men quitting work. Only Chinese are now employed in grading.

REVENUE.—According to the books of the U. S. Assessor, there is a revenue of \$12,019 20 due the Government from parties in this collection District—there being about \$90,000 last year. Of this amount \$20,489 70 was assessed in this county.

only in passing at the end of the story!

June 17,
item 1.

Part One of this exhibit contained *Solano Press* reports that in late 1867 Solano County/Tremont Postmaster William Dresbach moved his post office across Putah Creek into Yolo County in violation of federal law regulating the placement of post offices. Postal delivery disorganization ensued and Tremont residents called for his removal and replacement. Here we see, some sixth months later, that he has been replaced.

TREMONT.
J. A. Brunner has received his commission as Postmaster of Solano, and will enter upon the discharge of his duties immediately. . . . The Democracy of North Putah (in Yolo county) have organized a Democratic Club, with the following officers: W. Henson, President; W. D. Wristen, Vice-President; G. B. Brown, Secretary; Wm. Dresbach, Treasurer.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE
DISTRICT COURT
6-17-68
Ejection suit commenced by Mary M. Tompkins vs. John B. Frisbie. Volney E. Howard, Attorney for plaintiff.

We also see that Mr. Dresbach is active in the Democratic party. At this time, the Democratic Party is the party of the South. The American Civil War ended only recently and was still very much alive in people's minds.

June 17, item 2.

Although moving in fits and starts, the railroad did reach Suisun on June 24th and sped onward from there, as will be described in Part Three (July-September) of this exhibit here at the Hattie Weber in those same months of this year.

The Railroad.

Owing to the non-arrival of iron chairs, the track-layer was forced to stop work last Tuesday, while about half a mile this side of the Tunnel. The chairs were on the Golden Age, due at the Bay, on Sunday, and they were expected to arrive on the road yesterday. Immediately on their receipt, they will continue to lay the track, and there is no reasonable doubt that the road will be here by Saturday night, and it will be in splendid order for the excursion train which is to run from Vallejo to Suisun on the 24th. The grade from this place to the Tunnel is the finest piece of railroad grade west of the Rocky Mountains. It has been found necessary to locate the depot here some distance west of the main road, as the arrival of a full train of cars would place them immediately across the road and blockade travel. A double track will be laid at this depot.

The Antelope is being altered at San Francisco, so as to have more freight room, prior to being placed on the route to Vallejo, connecting with the cars.

On the 8th, M. Cutler was in Vallejo, making arrangements with the Railroad Company in regard to carrying the mails under his contracts.

The term "chair" in this report is the British name for what Americans now call railroad ties, the cross-members on which the tracks sit and to which they are affixed.

June 28, item 1.

The "making it up as you go along" character of the rail line is remarkably clear in this report. Even as the line was being laid between Suisun and the new Davisville, its extension from Davisville to Woodland remained up in the air. Indeed, the Cal-P claimed that was not going to happen unless Yolo people came up with \$75,000 in financing.

RAILROAD MATTERS.—The citizens of Woodland and vicinity seem to have earnestly resolved upon having a railroad. The enterprise, evinced by prominent men in this undertaking, has placed the matter in a favorable light, and made the prospect a subject of congratulation. The plan by which this public benefit is to be secured is feasible, and we doubt not will be successful. At a meeting of citizens held on the 30th ult., Messrs. Giddings, Freeman and Hollingsworth were appointed a committee to confer with the officers of the California Pacific Railroad Company to ascertain their intentions as to the extension of their road from Dutch Creek to Woodland, and also for the purpose of receiving from said Company any proposition which they might make looking toward the accomplishment of such a purpose. The committee, we learn, had a conference with the parties interested, at Davisville, on the 18th inst. Their report will be laid before a meeting of our citizens, at Heath's Hall, on Monday evening next. We are informed by one of the committee that the Company propose to extend their road to this town by the first of next December, provided the citizens of the county interested, will raise \$50,000 for the use of the Company, by purchasing bonds, subscribing for stock, or by donation; and, provided further, if the citizens agree to assist the Company by donation, the sum of \$25,000 will be accepted as a sufficient amount to secure the completion of the work. Other important items will appear in the report, to which it is not necessary to refer at present. It is hoped that all who feel an interest in this matter will be present at the meeting on Monday evening.

TOUCHING APPEAL.—A few days ago a foreign stranger, scorning the mere juice of the grape, repented his notions of liquid fun and money and consciousness had vanished, and then staggered supplicating to bed on the lap of Mother Earth, where he remained until next morning, when, awaking with a thirst like a burning fur-

June 28, item 2.

The same issue of the *Yolo County Democrat* also reported a successful launch of the campaign to raise the money the California Pacific was asking.

RAILROAD MEETING.—The Railroad meeting held at Heath's Hall on Monday night was well attended. Books were opened for subscription, and a committee of three appointed to wait on citizens for the purpose of ascertaining what amount could be raised. An opportunity is thus offered to secure the advantages of a railroad.

BALL AT DAVISVILLE.—A ball is to be given by Wm. Dresbach, at Davisville on Friday evening, July 3d. The Union Band of Sacramento has been engaged for the occasion.

BALL IN WOODLAND.—A S. House is preparing to receive the lovers of music and dancing at Baker's Hotel, on Friday evening, July 3d.

LECTURE (to-night) at the Court House—subject: "Condition of the South."

EDITORIAL CHANGE.—We understand that

Below the "Railroad Meeting" item we read that Mr. Dresbach seems to be promoting social life at the soon-to-be Davisville. Bear in mind that he is now or will soon be 1) an agent of the Cal-P and renting portions of the Davis farm for growing grain, 2) purchasing grain as an agent of the San Francisco "grain king," 3) operator of a large general merchandise store in a new building he will put up.