

VENTURA COUNTY.

The New City Trustees—Col. Collins Re-elected President.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Board of City Trustees was held at the City Hall Tuesday evening. There were present Trustees Collins, Giddings, Hund, Jones and Sudden. City Clerk J. F. Newby, who, by the way, has filled that position with the exception of one term for eighteen years, called the meeting to order and, upon roll call, each of the newly-elected members took his seat. The clerk stated that the first business before the board was the election of a president. Trustee Giddings nominated Col. J. S. Collins, who filled the position so satisfactorily during the last two years. Trustee Jones seconded the nomination. There being no other nomination Mr. Collins was declared unanimously elected. Before taking his seat as president of the City Council Mayor Collins, in a few well chosen words, thanked the board and trusted that no act of his would cause them to regret the honor conferred.

On motion of Trustee Jones the report of Sexton Richardson was called up for examination. It was found that in ten instances the sexton had failed to collect for cemetery lots sold. The clerk was instructed to notify Sexton Richardson that hereafter the sexton would be held responsible for the price of all cemetery lots sold.

Communications were received from Mrs. H. R. McDonell asking that she be reappointed City Treasurer, also from ex-Marshall James Daly for appointment as night watchman. On motion of Trustee Jones the several appointments were taken under advisement.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a list of the necessary job printing and advertising for the year for examination by the board.

The following standing committees were appointed: Finance, Sudden, Collins, Hund; Streets and Water, Jones, Giddings, Hund; Lands, Hund, Jones, Giddings; Sewers, Giddings, Jones, Sudden. There being no further business the board adjourned until Monday, January 8.

Balances in the city treasury January 2, 1894, are as follows: General fund, \$981.86; street fund, \$43.05; sprinkling fund, \$170.55; total, \$1195.46.

In the library fund, which is under the jurisdiction of the board of library trustees, there was a balance on hand January 2 of \$1149.53.

From the foregoing statements it will be seen that Ventura has quite a snug little sum to her credit to start the new year on, and if no more water or like suits are sprung on us there is no reason why the city taxes should not be a little lower next year.

If there is a community in the State that has paid their taxes up closer than the citizens of Ventura we should like to hear from them. Out of a total of \$11,828.73 all but \$230.10 had been paid January 1.

The remains of Amos Bixby, who died suddenly at the Courthouse Tuesday afternoon, were shipped on Wednesday evening's train to Los Angeles for burial.

Mrs. A. Smith, mother of Mrs. Judge H. L. Poplin, died at the family residence on Ventura avenue Tuesday. The funeral took place this afternoon.

Rev. Guiberson died at his home at Santa Paula Tuesday night. Mr. Guiberson was well known throughout the county having resided here many years.

The rainfall Tuesday amounted to .15 inches.

The schooner Allen A., one of the largest of her class, is unloading a cargo of pine lumber at the dock.

The case of Chris Reimann vs. W. O. Wood, which has been tried in several of the justices' courts of the county and appealed to the Superior Court, is being tried before a jury in that court today (Wednesday.)