

However, the general impression even among the most bitter foes of the ball managers, seemed to be that the capital would remain permanently at Vallejo; that the buildings were sufficiently convenient, and that the great increase of population in Northern California, demanded the seat of government at some point above San Jose, and that the people of the State had so decided through the ballot box.

To return from the digression. The supper was excellent, and partaken of with a relish which was complimentary to the *chef de cuisine*. The wines were of the most costly brands, and there was a greater display and variety of liquors than has ever been seen at a similar entertainment in the State. The total expense of the festival was \$2,300, and the presumption is, that on the whole, "it didn't pay" those who footed the bills.

After supper, the dancing was renewed, and sustained with spirit until 4 o'clock, when the guests separated, some to grope their way through unfathomable mud to a hospitable private residence, and others to wander around the barren hills, which are the only natural productions of Vallejo.