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MINUTES OF THE AYUNTAMIENTO OF SAN FELIPE
DE AUSTIN, 1828-1832

XI

EDITED BY EUGENE C. BARKER

[p. 18] In the Town of San Felipe de Austin on the 6th day of June 1831. At a regular meeting of the Ayuntamiento. of this Jurisdiction present Francis W. Johnson Prest. Walter C. White 1st Regidor Randall Jones 2d Regidor and Pleasant D. McNeil 3rd Regidor Absent Wm Robinson 4th Regidor and Robt M. Williamson sindico procurador. The meeting was opened by the acts of the last meeting being read which were approved.

The following resolutions were then adopted first—that F. W. Johnson prest. W. C. White first regidor and Citizen Wm. H. Jack be appointed a committee to draw up and report to the body at the next regular session, a system for the regulation of Municipal surveying, to regulate the fees and emoluments which the Municipal surveyors shall receive and collect and also to propose a division of the jurisdiction into surveying districts.

second—The return of the election held on the Colorado being informal ordered that a new election be held at the house of Wm. Robertson and Wm. Bartons on the 25th of this month for the election of Militia officers for that company.

third—That the Alcalde of the jurisdiction and the Comisarios of the various precincts be recommended to call on or send for the Chiefs of the various rambling and other tribes of Northern Indians and represent to them the great injury and inconvenience experienced by the inhabitants of the Colony by their destroying the game and burning or firing the prairies, and request them to remove with their tribes beyond the limits of the Colony.

fourth—That in conformity with the provisions of [p. 19] the 8th Chapter of the Municipal ordinance and the authority vested in the Ayunto. by decree No. 180 of the State Legislature. All storekeepers, retailers or venders of goods wares and merchandise be required to come forward on or before the first day of July next, and take out the licence necessary for them to exercise their professions agreeably to the provisions of said chapter of the ordi-

nance. Lawyers or those persons who exercise the profession of public agents for individuals before the Alcaldes will also prior to the sd. 1st July apply for Licence. As all those who fail to comply with this order will be fined agreeably to the provisions of said law. Tavern keepers must also under the provisions of said law take out a licence on or before first July next.

fifth—That the Comisarios of precincts and Sindicos be ordered to take the census of their respective precincts and report the same to the Ayuntamiento. of this jurisdiction at their next regular session and that they be also furnished with instructions how to proceed to take a list of the taxable property of each resident of the jurisdiction, and that blank forms be furnished them.

sixth That it shall be the duty of every ferryman or owner of a ferry boat to post up in some conspicuous place the rates of ferriage as established by this body, and every ferryman who exacts more than the said rates shall be liable to a fine of five dollars recoverable before the Comisario of any precinct or before the Alcalde of the jurisdiction.

seventh That the Alcalde be authorized to have some blank licences printed for the purpose of issuing [p. 20] to those persons who may apply for them agreeably to the provisions of the — chapter of the municipal ordinance, for which a sum equivalent to the printing and paper shall be exacted.

That S. M. Williams agent of the Empresario Austin be requested to furnish the body with a list of the land granted to individuals in this Colony.

It having come to the knowledge of the Ayuntamiento. that C. G. Cox and J. B. Walls are exercising the profession and practice of medicine without having previously complied with the ordinance regulating the practice of medicine within this jurisdiction. Ordered, that they be notified to attend at the next regular meeting of the Ayunto. on the first Monday in July next. And show cause why they should not be fined agreeably to the provisions of said ordinance.

The report of the Committee to whom was referred the formation of a fee bill to regulate the charges of licenced Physicians was read and approved, and the fee bill ordered to be engrossed in the book of Ordinances (for which see sd book pages —)

A petition from Gail Borden, jr praying to be appointed Muni-

pal Surveyor was read and the appointment made subject to such special regulations as may hereafter be adopted.

A petition from Laughlin McLaughlin praying that the title for Town Lot No. — be made to John M. Allen, for the reasons set forth in the petition—prayer granted.

[p. 21] A petition from S. A. Brown was presented read, and rejected by the unanimous vote of the body.

BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES

Kino's Historical Memoir of Pimeria Alta: A Contemporary Account of the Beginnings of California, Sonora, and Arizona, by Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, S. J., Pioneer Missionary Explorer, Cartographer, and Ranchman, 1683-1711. By Herbert Eugene Bolton, Ph. D. (Cleveland, The Arthur H. Clark Co., 1919. 2 vols. Pp. 379, 329.)

The history and bibliography of the Spanish Southwest has been notably enriched by the publication of Professor Bolton's two volumes on Father Kino. The author and editor has rescued from oblivion what may be justly characterized as one of the most valuable sources in the field of which he is the acknowledged pioneer and master, and has given to the scholarly world a final and authoritative picture of the great missionary whose name will always be intimately associated with the northward expansion of New Spain. "Bolton's 'Kino'" will doubtless become as well known a phrase as is "Parkman's 'La Salle'," "Fiske's 'Las Casas'" and other similar works.

The major portion of this work consists of a carefully edited translation of Father Kino's lost history known as "Favores Celestiales." The original manuscript was discovered by Professor Bolton during his researches in the Mexican archives. There had been a few vague references made and much speculation indulged in by earlier writers as to the existence of a formal history by Father Kino, but Professor Bolton was the first to locate and definitely identify such a work. The text of the translated manuscript comprises a total of 567 pages in the two volumes, and contains Kino's personal account of his labors in the region of Pimeria Alta, roughly corresponding to present northern Sonora and southern Arizona.

In the sixty-page introductory essay that precedes the text Pro-