

BUSINESS MEN FAVOR PROJECT TO FURNISH CITY WITH WATER

PRESENT SYSTEM IS INADEQUATE FOR FUTURE

City's Growth Calls for Action

No Other Source Offers Relief

Mayor McAleer Asserts It is the Duty of Citizens to Support Proposition to Supply Increasing Population

Attorney William Cox, who five years ago organized the Pennsylvania Colonial association, whose holdings in the Owens river valley include the now famous east side canals, has announced the sale of an option by his company to Los Angeles on its property in Inyo county for \$15,000, the option to be operative until January 1, 1906, and the sale price to be \$150,000.

In speaking of the Owens river proposition, Mr. Cox said: "I have been visiting the holdings of our company in the Owens river valley every sixty days for a period of more than five years and am probably better posted upon the condition of the water supply in that valley than any man in Los Angeles.

"In the Inyo county canals there are already more than 15,000 inches of water. The average flow in the river at the upper canal of our company is 30,000 inches, while in July, 1902, it increased over 100,000 inches.

Capitalists Will Buy
"My opinion is that if the city of Los Angeles does not take up the proposition which it now has under consideration the Owens river water will be brought to Los Angeles by outside capital, of which I can name a large part. In fact we have been considering the proposition for some time. Were this done municipal ownership would cost four times the amount now estimated. "The people of Owens river valley have never valued their holdings as their real worth. I heard of the present proposition over a year ago, and hence have investigated it thoroughly.

"Had the facts of the intended purchase of the supply not leaked out before the completion of the plans, it is my belief that the water from the river would have been diverted sixty miles further up stream, but the publication of the facts forced the commission to take the stand that the water was to be diverted below many of the holdings of large irrigators to prevent them from demanding enormous prices for their properties.

Will Divert Trade
"Killing the local water supply in Owens river valley means the ultimate opening of the Tonopah, Goldfield and Bullfrog trade to Southern California, as Inyo county has been largely supplying this market."

The question of voting bonds for bringing Owens river to the city of Los Angeles rests entirely with the citizens, and the statements of prominent business men of the city upon the subject carry with them the weight of those who have the interests of the city at heart. A representative of The Herald interviewed several local business men yesterday and their statements follow:

Business Men Favor Project
W. C. Patterson, president of the Los Angeles National bank: "So far as I understand the subject, and I have great faith in Mulholland, Lippincott and the water board, I thoroughly approve of the project. It will be a great thing for the city. If there is as much water as has been estimated and of the quality claimed, it is worth the money."

W. D. Longyear, cashier of the Security Savings bank: "You may say that we are most heartily in favor of the proposition as we understand it."

Charles Toll, cashier of the Southern California Savings bank: "Our bank has faith in the judgment of the men who have the matter in charge, but to my knowledge none of us have investigated the condition of affairs thoroughly."

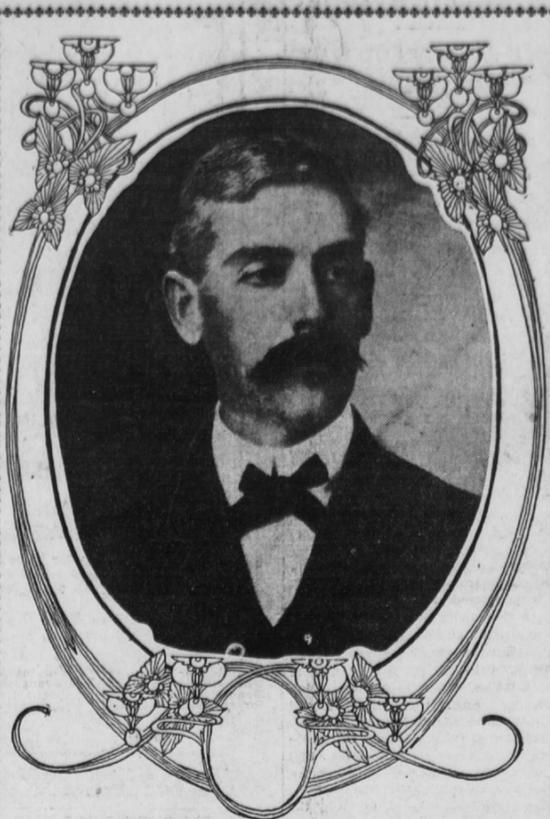
A. H. Braly of the Southern California Savings bank: "I have not investigated the matter, but realize the fact that a water supply is an imperative demand."

T. E. Newlin of the Farmers and Merchants bank: "The matter should, of course, be looked into thoroughly, but from what we know of the proposition we are heartily in favor of it. Los Angeles must prepare to supply water for use of a great city."

William Mead of Central Bank of Los Angeles: "We believe that the purchase of the Owens river water rights will do much for Los Angeles. Statements made in the east that we have but a limited supply of water have done more than anything else to prevent the increase of our population."

Warren Gillelen of Broadway Bank of Savings: "All the knowledge I have of the situation comes from reading The Herald and The Times, but I am a supporter of the proposition, and will certainly cast my ballot in its favor."

J. M. Elliott of First National bank: "It is almost like a man telling what he thinks of himself for me to give a



WILLIAM COX, WHOSE COMPANY HAS SOLD OPTIONS TO CITY

statement on this matter, for I have been heart and soul in the proposition from the first. We must prepare for a population many thousands greater than we now have and the matter of expense is now one of secondary consideration."

Mayor McAleer: "I spent ten days in careful study of the situation with the water commission upon the ground and am of the opinion that not only is this desirable, but it is imperative. It is but a question of time when we will have a population of 250,000 people in Los Angeles and will have reached the limit of our water supply. We must increase that supply or stop growing. The matter of expense should not be considered for an instant. San Francisco is even now being forced to consider the spending of \$48,000,000 for a supply not one-third as large as the one we have under consideration."

Argues for the Project
"There appears to be doubt in the minds of some of the people of the city as to what effect the taking of water from the Owens river by the city will have upon the people living in the valley," said an official of the water department yesterday.

"Of course the recent trouble with the ranchers of the San Fernando valley makes this point more prominent, but the cases are not analogous. In the first place there are but few people in the Owens valley, and taking the water will only affect the lower half."

"There is one village of perhaps 300 persons and a few scattered ranchers. The soil of the valley below Fish Springs, which marks the northern boundary of the land purchased by the city, is not productive. It is only fair grazing land. Several attempts have been made to colonize this section of the valley and have all failed."

"There is an abundance of water for irrigation and it is freely used, but without much result. This is one reason that more people do not live there. Of course if the city buys the water, as I believe it will, it will depopulate this portion of the valley. But the city will buy more than the water, it will buy the land. It must do this to get the water. You do a man no harm by buying his farm at a fair price."

Removal of Dams
"When the rights are purchased the dams will be torn out and the water no longer diverted into the big irrigating ditches, and it will flow on down its natural course. If a rancher who owns a right, to say of 100 inches, declines to sell to the city or the city should, for some reason, neglect to buy his land he will not be molested. In fact he cannot be molested so long as he owns the land with its water rights."

"Even though the water was being brought into Los Angeles he would still have the right to his 100 inches and could divert it for irrigation purposes as he chose. The city will probably buy

the entire valley with the individual rights of the ranchers, and thus have an absolute title to all of the water.

"Under these conditions it would be impossible for such a case as now exists in the San Fernando valley to arise. No one would have the right to settle in the valley, as the land would belong to the city, and if anyone did settle there they would be driven out just as they would if they should try to 'squat' in one of our parks.

"All of these points have been explained by Superintendent Mulholland, City Attorney Mathews and others. The fact that the valley will be uninhabited, except by the men caring for the water and Fred Eaton's cattle, will prove a great benefit to the city, as it will insure the water supply against contamination from human sources, the most dangerous contamination that can arise."

Committees representing the chamber of commerce, the Merchants and Manufacturers' association and the Municipal league are investigating the proposition to bring the water from the Owens valley into Los Angeles.

These committees have held one session with Superintendent Mulholland and the water board and are carefully going over maps and other data regarding the flow of water, its quality and other pertinent considerations. It is probable that the investigation will continue for several days, at which time a report will be made to the public.

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Bert Warren was arrested yesterday for creating a disturbance at the Hotel Edison, 129 West Fourth street, and is held on a charge of insanity. Warren's suits for the favor of young women staying at the hotel were frequent and fervent and when they were rejected he followed Kipling's advice and drowned the pain of one refusal in that of the next.

WOMAN DOCTOR LOSES LICENSE

WIDOW OF ELDERTON ALDRICH ACCUSED

STATE BOARD MAKES CHARGES

Medical Examiners Allege She Has Been Guilty of Unprofessional Conduct—Husband Shot While Resisting Arrest

On an allegation of unprofessional conduct, the license of Dr. Jessie C. Aldrich of Los Angeles was revoked yesterday by the state board of medical examiners and a copy of the resolution, to go into effect immediately, was filed with the county clerk.

The action is a result of a recent investigation made by representatives of the state board among the X-ray and electric practitioners of Los Angeles, and other suspensions may follow.

Dr. Aldrich has offices on South Spring street and has practiced medicine there for several years. She was absent from her office yesterday afternoon but an attendant stated that no notice of the revocation of license had been served on the doctor and that any charge regarding unprofessional conduct in that particular instance was false.

Widow of Elderton Aldrich
Mrs. Jessie Aldrich, against whom the complaint is filed, is the widow of Dr. Elderton W. Aldrich, the former X-ray specialist of Los Angeles who was killed in a fight with detectives while resisting arrest several years ago.

The killing occurred May 4, 1902, in the doctor's offices at Fourth and Broadway. A short time previous complaint had been filed by William B. Farrer, an officer from Illinois, who was here with requisition papers for the arrest of Aldrich.

Detective Hawley of the local police force was detailed to serve the rendition papers and make the arrest. When the officer entered the room in which Dr. Aldrich was and made known his errand a shooting followed in which Hawley was shot in the back. Aldrich was shot in the stomach and in the face. It was asserted that one of the bullets was fired by Capt. Bradish and

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