LACK OF CEMENT DELAYS CONTRACT

SEWER CONSTRUCTION WORK HINDERED

STORAGE SUPPLY GIVES OUT

Breakdown in Machinery of Factory Causes Suspension of Progress in Improvements Being Made by City

Cement contracts in which the city is interested are rapidly reaching the stage where work on them will be indefinitely delayed by lack of material. Work has been stopped on four sections of the storm drain because of a shortage of cement, and it probably will be only a question of a short time when the force of men employed on the new outfall sewer will take an enforced vacation.

This state of affairs is occasioned by the breaking of machinery in the cement works at Napa Junction. The city has contracts for 2,000 barrels of cement a month and during the last few months has been using 3,000 and 4,000 barrels. The cement works has notified the contractors that no more cement can be delivered until the machinery is repaired, and this may be a matter of weeks.

Meanwhile the work on the new storm drain is being delayed and November is rapidly approaching, when Rainmaker Hatfield will get busy. The work on the outfall sewer is being carried on with cement that has been kept in storage at Inglewood for just such an emergency, but during the last few weeks this store has been drawn on heavily and there is little hope that it will hold out until the Napa Junction cement works is able to again turn out the material.

Not only is the city work being delayed, but private contracts for walks, curbs and similar improvements cannot be completed until material arrives. The great amount of building in Los Angeles is chiefly responsible for this condition of affairs. The big cement works has been compelled to draw on its reserve to supply the demand until all material in storage has been exhausted.

GETS HIS LICENSE BUT IS TOO BUSY TO MARRY

Title Reporter Meets the Girl of His Choice on the Street—Wedding Will Follow

Two days of wooing, a hasty proposal, a demure acceptance and one of the prettiest romances of the year culminated yesterday when Charles O. Greenwood, a reporter of the Giles Title company, appeared at the office of Cupid Watson of the marriage license department and asked for a marriage license.

The license was issued to Greenwood and Miss Annie Pike of Salt Lake City. Following the issuance of the license Greenwood told his sweetheart goodby and calmly resumed the work which he had interrupted for the few moments required to secure a license.

"This is the busiest day of my life," said the reporter as he copied incorporations and kept mixing up the name of "Annie" with the various names of the subscribers on the incorporating list.

"I haven't time to take a day off and I want to get married, so I have to take chances. I knew Miss Pike very well when I lived in Salt Lake City some time ago. Yes, I knew her very well and I didn't much like the idea of coming so far away. She was one of the most prominent newspaper women of that city and up until about a week ago was on the editorial staff of the Salt Lake Tribune.

"She came to Los Angeles two days ago and by accident I met her on the street. I asked her what she was doing here and she said she was about to go on one of the local papers, and I said she was destined for a different fate, and I proposed. Well, she accepted and I guess we will get married.

"When? Oh, I don't know. Not this afternoon, but just as soon as I can leave my work long enough for the ceremony we will complete our little romance."

He Was Satisfied

"Would I like to live my life over?" said the sober faced man. "No, sir; it's bad enough to think it over."—Boston Transcript.

REMARKABLE DOCUMENT FILED WITH RECORDER

ELDERLY MAN ADOPTS WOMAN BY NEW METHOD

Insists Upon County Recorder Receiving Paper Wherein Is Expressed His Act of Making Girl His Daughter and Legal Heiress

"I want to adopt this young woman as my daughter and I want the fact recorded," said an elderly man as he appeared in the county recorder's office at the court house yesterday.

The man was accompanied by a handsome young woman, who blushed when the request was made.

"It will do no good to have an adoption recorded at this office," said Clerk Williams. "You will have to go to the county clerk's office and file a petition of adoption before you can legally adopt the young woman."

"I don't care whether it is legal or not," said the would-be-father. "I simply want the adoption of this girl as my daughter recorded, so that it will be a matter of record if anyone should question my statement."

The document was drawn up and the man gave his name as E. G. Williams of El Paso.

The young woman was Miss Elizabeth Crockett of West Twelfth street, and she gave her age as 21 years.

MAYOR SIGNS OWENS RIVER BOND ORDINANCE

Work of Engrossing Plates Will Be Rushed—Bids to Be Opened November 1

Mayor McAleer lost no time in signing the new water ordinance when he reached his office yesterday morning, and the ordinance is now a law. The work of engraving the plates for bonds is being rushed and the securities soon will be in the hands of the city for sale to the highest bidders. Bids will be opened November 1, which comes on Wednesday, and an adjourned meeting of the city council will be held on that date in order that the bonds may be awarded.

Since the city has placed itself on the market for water bearing lands there have been more offers of land made to the water department than would be necessary for a city of ten times the population of Los Angeles. Scarcely a day passes that Superintendent Mulholland does not receive an offer of land in the Owens river valley.

FINDS NO IMPURITIES IN DISTILLED WATERS

City Chemist Says Some Spring Water Contains More Impurities Than Does City Water

The telephone in the health department of the city hall has been kept busy during the last few days by anxious inquirers who are eager to know the results of City Chemist Miller's analysis of the drinking waters sold in Los Angeles.

A large number of Los Angeles residents depend entirely on these waters, and the report recently issued from the chemist's office that some of these contained more alkali than the city water is responsible for the inquiries.

"This statement is true of a number of the waters sold as 'spring water,'" says Mr. Miller, "but I am not concerning myself with the distilled waters. There can be no impurities in distilled water unless they should be added after the process of distillation, and I have found no evidence of this in the distilled waters sold in this city."

SUFFRAGE LEADERS PLAN FOR COUNTY CONVENTION

Annual Gathering Will Be Held at the Woman's Club House October 12

The annual county convention of the Los Angeles County Equal Suffrage league will be held in the Woman's club house October 12. A meeting of the executive committee was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary A. Kenney, 1408½ Figueroa street, and plans were discussed.

The program will consist of three sessions. The morning session will be devoted to business, reports of committees, election of officers and discussion of plans for another year's work. Discussions of important suffrage themes will occupy the afternoon meeting, and in the evening the principal addresses will be given by prominent business men.

CHINESE IS FINED FOR MISTREATING ANIMAL

George Andrews Loses Afflicted Horse and Pays Penalty for Working It on Streets

George Andrews, a Chinese, was fined $15 by Justice Austin yesterday on a charge of cruelty to animals. "Velly well, I pay 'em fine. Allee samee, heap fine horse animal society man kill. Fly like 'em horse and eat 'em sore. When me get sore cure he kill horse," and George left the court room.

Andrews was arrested September 15 on the charge of driving an afflicted horse. Andrews protested his innocence, but of no avail, and his animal was killed. Yesterday numerous witnesses were produced to prove that Andrews mistreated his horse.

Rates to Imperial and Coachella Valleys
Special Round Trip tickets at reduced rates from Los Angeles and other points in Southern California to Brawley, Imperial, Calexico, Indio, Coachella, Thermal and Mecca are on sale every Tuesday until September 26, 1905. Inquire at Southern Pacific ticket office, 261 S. Spring st.

If you want to go east, C. Haydock, Agt. Illinois Central R. R., 238 S. Spring.

CRIB DISTRICT IS NOT FAVORED

COMMISSIONERS OPPOSED TO THE PLAN

DENY THEY HAVE AUTHORITY

Action on Appointment of Chief of Police Postponed Because of Failure to Secure a Quorum

Through failure to secure a quorum for the meeting of the police commission yesterday morning, action on the appointment of a chief of police was again delayed.

It is improbable that this office will be filled for several weeks yet, as Commissioner Johnson is out of the city on an extended trip and at the meeting of the commission last week the petition of ex-Chief Glass for reappointment was filed for consideration by the committee of the whole. This will necessitate a full attendance of the commission to consider the petition.

The report recently circulated to the effect that the police commission will take some action toward the establishment of a "crib" district, in which the denizens of the red-light district may be placed, are without foundation, say city officials, as the police commission nor any other body can take any official action on such a proposition. The mayor has announced himself as favoring a "crib" district to be regulated by the police and asserts that this is the only way to handle the evil.

Assistant City Attorney Goudge said yesterday:

"The city cannot organize a 'crib' district or anything of a similar nature. No body of officials has the legal authority to set apart a certain section of the city and declare that vice may flourish there. In order to do so, it would be necessary to refer it to a vote of the people and such a proposition would be defeated by an overwhelming majority."

WOMAN WILL BE GIVEN PRELIMINARY HEARING

Mrs. Florence Yager to Be Arraigned Today on Charge of Stealing Ordway's Gold

Mrs. Florence Yager will have a preliminary hearing today before Judge Chambers on a charge of stealing $400 from Dr. W. E. Ordway last Friday morning. The result of the trial will determine whether another complaint will be issued charging Mrs. Yager with stealing $750,000 worth of bonds, leases and mortgages and attempting to burn the papers and the house, in which she was employed as housekeeper.

For the first time since her arrest Mrs. Yager yesterday was willing to talk. She has spent most of the time in a cell, refusing to converse. Much of the time she has spent silently weeping, and often has been found with her head buried in her hands.

BAPTIST CHURCH FACTION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Representatives of the remaining 700 members of the First Baptist church after the withdrawal of the Smale faction met last evening for the annual election of officers. Harmony prevailed throughout the meeting. Following are the officers elected: H. Freeman, D. R. Chester, A. O. Johnson, Dr. J. A. Cronkhite and Daniel Selling, trustees; W. L. Stanton, W. B. Ross, J. A. Hammers, N. Cronkhite and L. W. Bickeson, deacons; O. A. A. Grade, clerk; J. W. Butterfield, financial secretary; T. R. Gabel, treasurer; Prof. M. Dozier, auditor.

TAPS ARE SOUNDED FOR VETERAN ARMY CHAPLAIN

Rev. B. L. Baldridge, Appointee of President Grant, Dies at Age of 84 Years

After a service of twenty years as chaplain in the United States army, Rev. B. L. Baldridge died Sunday night at the age of 84 years at his home in the Devon inn and was buried yesterday at Hollywood cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Baldridge was born in Ohio in 1821, attended school at Oxford university and was ordained a minister of the United Presbyterian church in Centerville, Mich., in 1851. He later accepted a call to Leavenworth, Kas., and during his pastorate in that city he was appointed chaplain of the state penitentiary in Lansing, Kas.

President Grant in 1876 appointed him to the position of chaplain in the regular army, and he was stationed in Fort Richardson, Tex. In 1882 he was sent to Fort Stockton, Tex., where he remained until 1890, when on account of his failing health he was sent to Angel island in San Francisco bay, and in 1896 he was retired from the service.

Since his retirement Rev. Mr. Baldridge has made his home in Los Angeles at the Devon inn. His son, J. G. Baldridge of Highland, and his daughter, Mrs. R. H. R. Loughborough of San Francisco, attended the funeral yesterday.

The famous salt deposits of Petite Anse, La., are known to have been mined by the aboriginal Americans, as is testified by the stone hammers and other tools found when the deposits were rediscovered in 1814 by John Marsh.