

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

LOCAL LEGAL TALENT WILL ASSIST WEBB TO VIGOROUSLY PUSH HARBOR LINES SUITS

Los Angeles Delegation Will Return to Wilmington to Protest Against Lease of Lands to Private Corporations

The \$8000 appropriated in the budget by the finance committee for the harbor commission, and which brought forth inquiries from other members of the council to which the answer "Wait and see" was returned by the members of the finance committee, has been explained.

It is for the purpose of paying legal talent to assist U. S. Webb, attorney general, in bringing suits against the private land grabbers who have secured nearly all the water frontage of the inner harbor at San Pedro.

When this sum was set apart in the budget members of the council who had not been told of the purpose for which it was to be used felt grieved that this much money would be given the harbor commission and other city departments be cut down to the bare bone.

Senator Frank P. Flint, the members of the harbor commission and of the chamber of commerce were subjects of hearty congratulations yesterday on the vigorous fight they had made before the Wilmington board of trustees Monday night.

The storm that raged in the Wilmington council chamber shook the quiet little city to its foundations, and at times the debate became acrimonious, especially between Senator Flint and F. S. Cary, the Wilmington banker, who is a director in the new company that wants the franchise and presented the petition.

Senator Flint's arguments that he would be unable to secure a further appropriation from the national treasury for additional developments in the harbor if Wilmington gave the rights to a private corporation was one of the most telling speeches of the evening, and did more to delay the grab than any other one thing.

The Los Angeles men who led the delegation to Wilmington Monday night were Senator F. P. Flint, Capt. Amos A. Fries, G. H. Stewart, J. H. Gill, E. Gibbon, J. A. Anderson and A. P. Fleming. This delegation of one equal strong will go to Wilmington in two weeks and enter a stronger protest, if possible, than that of Monday night.

ASK SUPPRESSION OF DISORDERLY HOUSES

PETITION FILED FROM BUENA VISTA STREET

Property Owners Assert That Number of Objectionable Houses Is Increasing at Prodigious Rate

More "redlight" trouble was piled up for the mayor and his police commission yesterday when a petition introduced by A. E. Weiss, as secretary of the Buena Vista street improvement association, and among many others, bearing the signatures of Bishop T. J. Conaty and F. M. Coulter, was filed with the police commission asking that the disreputable houses on Bellevue, New High, San Fernando, Marchessault and at the corner of Ord and New High streets be suppressed.

When the petition was read to the commission it was referred to the committee of the whole.

The petition had nothing to say of the moral aspect of the matter, but put its demands on the practical grounds that the houses were a great annoyance to people living in the vicinity, and similar establishments were growing rapidly.

Bellevue, New High and San Fernando streets are the only outlets to the east part of the city. All Garvanza and Highland Park, Colegrove, Hollywood and northern parts of Santa Monica cars are compelled to go through this district, and all persons living in the eastern and northwestern parts of the city must pass through these streets in order to reach the business district.

These streets are just over the line from the places that have been tacitly recognized as "redlight" houses, and, if such places must exist, the damaged property owners are anxious that they be put into the special section.

A. E. Weiss, who presented the petition to the board, stated that the rapid increase of such places on these streets alarmed the property owners. He declared that a year ago there were only two houses in this entire district known to be of ill repute, while today there are thirty-two houses so known, while there may be more that do not make themselves so conspicuous. He says people passing through the district, especially young women, are insulted by the men who gather around these places.

OBJECTS TO MANNER IN WHICH STREETS ARE OILED

Attorney Protests to Board of Public Works Against "Sloppy, Slovenly, Slouchy" Methods at Present Employed

R. W. Richardson of the law firm of Richardson & Martin has entered an emphatic protest with the board of public works against what he calls "the sloppy, slovenly, slouchy, miserable method of pouring oil on the public thoroughfares."

While it is supposed to lay the dust, he says, it accomplishes more damage of a disagreeable character than all the dust it can possibly dispose of. The oil is tracked into the homes, to the ruination of rugs, carpets and clothing.

He specifically points to Moneta avenue, which, he says, for two months has been a sloppy mess, yet more oil has been poured on in the last few days.

Mr. Richardson believes that if oil is to be applied it should be done by some system whereby it would be drilled into the street.

SWEEPINGS NET TIDY INCOME TO THE CITY

Former Cost of Removal Now Abolished

Twenty Dollars a Day Saved, and Additional Economy Effected as Regards Ashes of Garbage Incinerator

By engendering a little rivalry between the fertilizer companies the board of public works has been able to get a revenue from the street sweepings that formerly were carted away and dumped of about \$600 monthly—enough to pay the salaries of two members of the board.

No money is actually paid to the city by the J. F. Jackson Fertilizer company, which gets the sweepings, but the revenue comes through the saving to the city of the amount formerly paid to get them away. By a permit granted by the board of public works the Jackson company gathers up the sweepings in its own wagons, with its own men. The city formerly was compelled to pay \$20 daily for this part of the work.

After the white brigade has thoroughly cleaned the streets and brushed the sweepings into little piles, the wagons of the Jackson company take them away and make them into fertilizer.

Owing to the fact that the paved streets are flushed every night there is but little dust in the sweepings, and the material gathered is almost pure fertilizer. For this reason the company dealing in this material are anxious to make a good bargain with the city, and it was by exciting them to rivalry that the board was able to save the city \$20 daily.

A small revenue, the exact amount of which it is difficult to estimate, is also obtained from the ashes of the garbage incinerator. These ashes are sifted by a private firm for fertilizer and the city receives a percentage of the amount realized by its sale. Not only is the city paid for the fertilizer, but the ashes, after being sifted, are carted away free of expense. The amount earned and saved has been a little more than \$50 monthly, but now that dead horses are being incinerated with the garbage the amount is largely increased.

NO HALF MEASURES ON BLASTING ASKED

Victor Heights Citizens Oppose Compromise

Want Police Commission to Stop It Entirely or Leave Them to Sue Los Angeles Brick Company

"No compromise" is the slogan adopted by the residents and property owners of Victor Heights whose homes are being jointed to pieces by the blasts of dynamite set off by the Los Angeles Brick company.

"If you cannot suppress this nuisance altogether do not do anything about it that will legalize these blasts and jeopardize our chances in other courts," was the way C. T. Sprading put the matter to the police commission yesterday. It was taken as a suggestion that in permit to continue the blasting was given to the Los Angeles Brick company by the police board the property owners would fight the corporation through the courts in order to save their homes.

It was finally agreed that a committee of citizens of Victor Heights and an equal number from the brick company meet with the police commission Friday afternoon, when the matter will be talked over and an effort made at settlement. It is evident that the property owners affected will accept nothing but an absolute stopping of the blasts.

This matter has been before the police commission several weeks. The property owners on a tract known as Victor Heights complained to the board that the dynamiting done by the Los Angeles Brick company in Chavez ravine, back of their homes, was cracking the plaster on their walls and causing their houses to settle to such an extent that they could not open the doors. The mayor and two members of the police commission visited the place last Friday and felt some of the blasts. They were unanimously of the opinion that something would have to be done, and that the ordinance whereby the brick company would be permitted to touch off only small blasts was suggested.

LIBRARY BOARD HAS FUN WITH EMPLOYE'S THREATS

Treat as a Joke Miss Blandy's Assertions That She Will Bring Charges Before the Civil Service Commission

The threats of Miss Julia W. Blandy, superintendent of branch libraries, to bring charges before the civil service commission against the members of the library board for ignoring certain demands she has made, are treated as a joke by the members of the library board.

The civil service commission has absolutely no jurisdiction over the board or any of its members. They are appointed by the mayor, and with the confirmation of the council, and to the mayor alone they are responsible. If Miss Blandy has any charges to make she must file them with the mayor.

Miss Blandy has taken the attitude that her work is hampered because the library directors have failed to accede to certain of her demands, and she feels very much grieved over the matter.

She has been a thorn in the flesh of the library since she entered a year ago. She lived in New York and wrote to Librarian Lummis for a place in the library. Mr. Lummis was impressed with her letter, and said if she would come to Los Angeles he would do what he could for her. She came and was given an emergency appointment. Later a special civil service examination was held for her benefit, and she was made a permanent member of the library staff. The other employees threatened to strike, declaring the action favoritism and a violation of the civil service spirit.

POLICE FORCE MAY BE DEPLETED AGAIN

THIRTY OFFICERS LIKELY TO BE DISCHARGED

Commission Sighs Heavily When It Receives Notification from the City Auditor of Restricted Financial Conditions

With the police force already depleted by the discharge of twenty-two men, in order that the department might keep within its appropriation, thirty more men must be discharged during the next few weeks in order that the salary allowance may not be overdrawn.

The police department is allowed but \$385,000 this year for salaries. This is \$31,000 less than the amount required to pay the present force during the coming fiscal year, and for this reason thirty men, each drawing \$1000 a year, must be discharged.

When the final trimming is made there will be 260 policemen on duty. According to civil service rules the last men put on the allowance for outlays, including a new roof and plumbing in the central jail and improvements at the workhouse, was \$10,500; \$385,000 for salaries and wages and \$30,000 for other expenses. The commission also was notified that it would not be allowed to expend more than one-twelfth of these amounts during any one fiscal year, unless the council specifically gave permission in advance.

The notification was received by the commission with a deep sigh, and the board will meet with the city auditor and finance committee as soon as the auditor returns from his vacation and see if something cannot be done so that the force will not have to be trimmed so close.

W. W. Middlecoff petitioned the police commission yesterday to stop the automobile speeding on Alvarado, between Seventh and Pico. The mayor named Commissioner Woodfill as a committee of one to interview his mother, who lives at Tenth and Alvarado, and learn from her if the speeding was as bad as was stated.

George M. Calk, former manager of the Democratic club, gave up his special star yesterday.

A volunteer police patrol and a volunteer fire department is what Los Angeles will need if the finance committee does not open the city's purse strings a little wider to these departments, according to Mayor Harper.

A petition was presented to the police board yesterday asking that Mrs. Mary H. White be appointed to a position in the city's secret service. No woman detective is now employed by the city. The petition was referred to the chief.

M. Derpich, 109 West Seventh, and Rudolph Gahn, 128 East Seventh, were cited to appear before the police commission at its next regular meeting and show cause why their restaurant liquor licenses should not be revoked. Both are accused of having sold liquor during the hours the place is not open.

August 11, in violation of the rules of the police commission.

The board of public works yesterday advertised for bids for the Mark street bridge. The engineer's office is now working on plans and specifications for the Buena Vista street viaduct.

For the first time the Southern Pacific broke its rule yesterday and signed a petition for a pool room license for Gradego & Franklin, 461 Central avenue. It has been the policy of the Southern Pacific to sign no petition for or against anything, but, as the railroad owned most of the frontage where it was proposed to establish the billiard room and the law requires the signature of the owner of the frontage, it was impossible for the petition to be granted without this signature. R. C. Guirado, who owns 111 feet in the block, made a mild protest, but said he didn't care very much, so the petition was granted.

UNION OIL COMPANY ASKS PIPE LINE FRANCHISES

Wants Privilege of Laying Conduits in Four Places and Demands Removal of Restrictions on Manholes

The Union Oil company has asked the city council to grant it a franchise for oil pipe lines from the corner of College and San Fernando streets, along San Fernando, Alameda, Sixth, Mateo and Willow to the Santa Fe railroad tracks, and on Alameda, from Palmelton through Mateo and Mills, on Alamo street, Alameda, to the corner of Fourth from Aliso to Central.

In addition to demanding these franchises, it asks that the ordinance regulating the laying of oil pipe lines be so changed as to permit them to place manholes wherever they choose. The ordinance now forbids manholes closer than every ten blocks.

This application is in the hands of Councilman Healy of the Eighth ward, in whose district it is proposed to lay these pipe lines.

The Santa Fe has asked a franchise for a spur track in Alamo street, east from its right of way to the warehouses of A. A. Coldwell.

CHIN CHUNG SEES THINGS ENTERING THIS COUNTRY

Chinese Held for Illegal Residence Tells Federal Commission of Giant Mexicans with Flaming Hair and Green Eyes

If there are any upheavals in the vicinity of the graves of Baron Munchausen and Ananias, the fact can be attributed to the tales of Chin Chung, a Chinese held in the custody of Commissioner Williams of the federal court on the charge of being illegally in the United States and whose testimony regarding the circumstances leading up to his capture is enough to cause the ancient relaters of fiction to turn in their graves.

Chung was arrested two months ago. He lived in New York and wrote to Librarian Lummis for a place in the library. Mr. Lummis was impressed with her letter, and said if she would come to Los Angeles he would do what he could for her. She came and was given an emergency appointment. Later a special civil service examination was held for her benefit, and she was made a permanent member of the library staff. The other employees threatened to strike, declaring the action favoritism and a violation of the civil service spirit.

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DRENCHED WITH HER HOSE, SHE NOW WANTS REVENGE

Mrs. Burton Thinks Involuntary Bath Good Cause for Charge of Battery, Although Mrs. Fife Says She Was Justified

Mrs. Marie Fife of 754 East Pico street, accused by her next door neighbor, Mrs. Lizzie Burton, of having drenched the latter with her own garden hose, appeared in Police Justice Ross's court yesterday morning and pleaded not guilty to a charge of battery. She will appear for trial tomorrow and was released upon her own recognizance.

Mrs. Fife declares she was justified in turning the hose on her neighbor. She asserts that while she was enjoying a warm bath in her home Mrs. Burton approached the window of the bath room and, thrusting the nozzle so that it pointed full at the bather, turned loose a stream of icy water.

Then, it is declared, Mrs. Fife hurriedly dressed and went over to where Mrs. Burton was watering her lawn, took the hose away from her and gave Mrs. Burton a dose of her own medicine.

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