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\$211,200 IN SALES MADE BY BIG FIRMS

Another Important Investment Made by E. F. Skinner—Big Addition to Union Tool Co. Plant

Indicative of increased activity in the local realty market, the following sales aggregating \$211,200 closed through the agency of R. A. Rowan & Co., are submitted. This firm handles only high-class business and industrial property. They report many inquiries for investment. Sales follow: L. W. Van Noy has purchased from Mrs. Jennie E. White the property at 732 South Hill street, size 50x154 feet to alley, and containing only nominal improvements, for \$100,500 spot cash. This property was purchased for the purpose of making permanent improvements.

FAREWELL DINNER GIVEN MUMA BY INSURANCE MEN

Local Manager of Travelers' Insurance Co., Who Goes to Chicago Soon, Honored

Members of the Life Underwriters' Association of Los Angeles gave a banquet yesterday at the Alexandria in honor of Irwin J. Muma, until recently manager of the Travelers' Insurance company here, who leaves in a short time for Chicago, where he will take charge of the same company's office.

DESIRES TO STUDY MOTIVE FOR COPPER WIRE THEFT

Iron Works Employee Says He Stole to Carry on Experiments in Electricity

His desire to become an expert electrician and to raise himself from his lowly position as a common laborer resulted in L. Sherwin being arrested for stealing copper wire, valued at \$10, from the Llewellyn Iron works. When Sherwin was arraigned in Police Judge Williams' court on a charge of petty larceny the accused pleaded guilty and declared he took the material simply to carry on his experiments in electricity.

MAY GET PEANUT STAND—SOME TIME

Santa Monica Man Grows Old as War Department Deliberates on Question of Granting Petition

Lieut. Charles T. Leeds, federal engineer in charge of the Los Angeles harbor work, has received from the war department a number of documents originally sent to Washington from Santa Monica, which are in the nature of a request for a concession to erect a peanut stand at Santa Monica. Just what "red tape" is necessary before some kind of peanut stand can be built is shown in this instance, as after passing through various processes in the war department, the documents are returned to Los Angeles, where they will be passed on by Engineer Leeds, then probably returned to Washington before the applicant obtains permission.

CREDIT ACQUITS HUSBAND OF NON-SUPPORT CHARGE

Man Shows He Had Arranged with Grocer to Allow Family Unlimited Credit

F. D. Steel, a motorman, accused of failure to provide for his two minor children, was discharged from custody in Police Judge Rose's court yesterday when evidence was produced to show that he had arranged for unlimited credit for his wife at a grocery store near his home.

SEEKS RETURN OF INVESTMENT

Instead of the time-honored gold brick as the foundation for a civil action to recover money, bribquets of marsh mud for fuel formed the substance of an action begun before Judge Hervey yesterday by F. C. Patterson for the recovery of \$1000 he alleges he invested in 2000 shares of the American Pressed Fuel company. W. E. Wag, a promoter of the company, is named as the defendant. After hearing evidence for the greater part of the day, Judge Hervey took the case under advisement.

CHILD AWARDED TO MOTHER

Susanne Ortega, proprietor of a rooming house, was awarded the custody of her little daughter, Rosa Ortega, in Judge Wilbur's court yesterday, following habeas corpus proceedings to secure the child from the father, Jesus Talamantes. It developed from the evidence that the father had never married the plaintiff, and after paying no attention to the child for two years suddenly took it into his head that he wanted her. The court ordered him to pay for the maintenance of the child, who was awarded to the custody of the mother. The father will be allowed to visit the girl occasionally.

COUNTY IN NEED OF MORE CLERKS

SHORTAGE OF HELP CAUSES CONGESTION OF WORK

CONDITIONS OBLIGE LONG DELAY IN SERVING PATRONS

Legislature Fails to Keep Pace with Wonderful Growth of This Section in Allowance of Employees

In spite of a substantial increase provided by the last legislature in the number of clerks in the various county offices, all of the departments with the exception of the tax collector's office are working shorthanded in the Los Angeles county departments.

The probate clerk's office is shorthanded and the members are required to come back at night and catch up with their work. The marriage license and articles of incorporation offices are shorthanded and patrons are required to stand for long periods of time to be attended. The recorder's office, the treasurer's office, the county clerk's office and other departments are all working night and main each day in an effort to catch up with the ever increasing county work.

The legislature at its last session failed to realize the immense growth which was taking place in Los Angeles county," declared Andy Francisco, a chief deputy clerk, yesterday. "The legislature made allowance for an increase of clerks over a year ago, thinking that the increase was all that was justified. The increase was all right at the time, but no provision was made for the great increase of county business."

"The consequence is that all the departments with the exception of one are working shorthanded already, with another year of increased work in prospect before a measure can be presented to the legislature for a further increase of assistants. We have barely more than three-quarters of the help we really need to accomplish the work with sufficient dispatch to keep from allowing congestion. By the end of the year we will have only about two-thirds the help we need to dispose of the increased work."

"The phenomenal growth of the city and county and the increased value of property in general is mostly responsible for the congestion. The whole county is going ahead by leaps and bounds and there appears to be no limit to the growth and prosperity in our midst. It will be a big increase in the number of assistants to cover the work by the time the next legislature meets, let alone for the increase in prospect in the two years following."

EXCELLENT ORANGE CROP ASSURED BY RECENT RAINS

A. B. Miller of Rialto Says Report is Incorrect That Precipitation Will Cause Harm

Although report had it that the rain storm Saturday night and Sunday would result harmfully to the orange crop, such is not the case, according to A. B. Miller, a wealthy orange grower of Rialto, who is here on his way for a few days, a guest at the Hollenbeck.

CORPORATIONS FAVORED FAIL TO COMPLY WITH LAW

Collector of Internal Revenue Says Many Concerns Have Ignored Extension of Time to File

The authority of Claude I. Parker, collector of internal revenue, to grant a thirty-day extension to tardy corporations on the filing of their reports for an income tax return, is being dealt with by the government if the reports are not filed today.

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SUIT RESULT OF AVIATION MEET

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INCENDIARISM CHARGE PLACED AGAINST BOYS

Four on Trial in Juvenile Court as Result of Fire at Japanese Pumping Plant

Four boys ranging in age from 13 to 17 years, charged with setting fire to the pumping plant of a syndicate of Japanese, two miles from Burbank, were arraigned in the juvenile court yesterday before Judge Wilbur. The Japanese claim they spent about \$900 on the pumping plant which was to have furnished water for 400 acres, but they have presented a claim for \$1000 damages.

NOTARY PLEADS GUILTY TO FALSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Knew Men Connected with Stock Deal and Neglects the Legal Requirements

J. M. Graybill, a notary public, pleaded guilty in Police Judge Chambers' court yesterday to a charge of making a false acknowledgment and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.

The accused, it seems, was arrested January 21, in connection with a transfer of stock in a wireless telegraph company. His case was continued from time to time, and yesterday when the matter came up he appeared in court, entered a plea of guilty and paid his fine.

Graybill is alleged to have acknowledged the signatures of the persons who bought and sold the stock without having secured the certificate and without their being present at the time acknowledgment was made. The transaction in question was a stock deal, and Graybill was acquainted with both persons and when he saw their names signed to the stocks, which were left in his care, promptly acknowledged the signatures without either person being present. The law requires that a notary witness the signatures of persons and make sure that the person who signs his name is the right one. Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor and is punishable as such.

UNABLE TO SECURE WORK, LABORER TAKES HIS LIFE

Former Aqueduct Employee Becomes Despondent When Privation Confronts Wife and Child

Despondent because he was out of work and unable to support his wife and three children, who are thought to be living in 824 Lake City, John Seely, 30 years old, a former aqueduct worker, committed suicide by slitting his throat in the room at 534 Ceres avenue yesterday morning.

Seely had been living with a fellow laborer in Ceres avenue for the past month. Several days ago he told his roommate that life was not worth living and intimated that he would commit suicide.

Yesterday morning the man rooming with Seely left the place. As soon as Seely found himself alone he procured a razor, sat on the bed and cut his throat. The body was discovered by a chambermaid about an hour later.

ANTELOP'S EDITORS ARE INVOLVED IN LIBEL SUIT

'Wet' and 'Dry' Question Causes Publisher, It is Alleged, to Vilify Rival

The trial of Frank H. Robinson, editor of the Antelope Valley Gazette, on a charge of criminal libel, was commenced in Judge Davis' court yesterday. The complaining witness is C. E. Nelles, editor of the Antelope Valley Ledger, who alleges that the defendant through the columns of his paper called him a "baster of board bills" and other "choice" terms.

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YUMA DRAWING IS COMPLETED

LOCAL DENTIST SECURES VALUABLE FARM

GOVERNMENT REFUSES RISK OF COLORADO FLOODS

Clause in Contracts with Settlers Relieves Land Office of Responsibility for Damage Done by River

The last of the 173 farm units in the government's Yuma land project was disposed of yesterday, and clerks in the land office have heaved a sigh of relief. Farm unit A9, for which there were 159 applicants, was drawn by John C. Hopkins, a Los Angeles dentist, at this early date. Taken the drawing seriously, while many of his competitors for the farm had traveled miles to attend the drawing and expended several hundred dollars. The announcement that the dentist had won the farm elicited a faint cheer, too low to hide the pang of regret and bitter disappointment that showed plainly on the faces of many of the older men.

Fifteen farms were distributed yesterday. Prominent among the successful competitors have been members of the old Yuma land line, and descendants of the pioneers of the Yuma country possibly will look back with pride on the hardships and privations their fathers bore in the streets of Los Angeles for a place in the country to be.

Payments coming in the farms are reaching Register Euren and Receiver Robinson at this early date. A clause in the contract with the government applicants for the land signed has caused considerable uneasiness. It relieves the government of all responsibility should the country suffer from the ravages of a flood. Memories of the Colorado river on a rampage in the high water season have caused this uneasiness. The government has evidently taken the precaution to be relieved of all responsibility should an overflow of flood occur.

COMMITTEE TO BOOST ELECTION FOR BONDS

Chamber of Commerce to Assist in Securing Harbor Improvements and Power Plants on Los Angeles Aqueduct

President Joseph Scott at the meeting of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon appointed a committee to boost the coming election for bonds for the improvement of Los Angeles harbor and building power plants on the Los Angeles aqueduct. The board of directors of the chamber recently approved the bonds.

Secretary Wiggins was authorized by the board of directors to tender President Lovett and Vice President Worthington of the Southern Pacific company, and President Ripley of the Santa Fe company a public reception in the room of the chamber of commerce the latter part of this or the first of next week.

This committee also reported favorably on increasing the powers of the international court of prize, and suggested that the resolutions adopted by the Peace Society of New York city or similar resolutions be adopted by the chamber, and the committee on military and naval affairs was authorized to prepare the resolutions.

The chamber has been invited to send delegates to the annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference of International Arbitration, which is to be held May 18 to 20 at Lake Mohonk, N. Y.

The matter of running an excursion up the coast was referred to the excursion committee with suggestions that it be run about May 4, taking in twenty-one towns and consuming four days' time, stopping at all principal points.

It is probable that the local chamber will entertain the chamber of commerce of Cleveland, Ohio, during the coming summer, as that chamber has sent notice it is coming to the coast.

Those elected to membership were: J. S. Stotter, Ralph C. Guirado, S. O. Houghton, Jr., John Keith, John Alton, Horace E. Rhoads, J. S. Cassin, W. W. Weightman and the American-Mexican Investment company.

RECOVER COFFEE ROUTE MONEY

Judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$500 was rendered by Judge Hutton yesterday afternoon in the suit of R. A. McCoy to recover that amount from W. A. Glasscock. Motion for a nonsuit in regard to two other defendants, H. E. Kissinger and M. F. Glasscock, was granted by Judge Hutton, and the two were eliminated from the proceedings.

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