

News of the Courts

ARIZONA STATUTE TO REVEAL CUPID

Romantic Pair Will Seek Neighboring Territory Where 13-Year-Olds Marry

'SPLASH ME' GIRL TELLS PLAN Little Singer Says She Would Kill Herself if Placed in a School

Arizona, with its law permitting girls of the age of 13 to marry, is the haven to which Frances White, age 14, and Alonzo H. Harwood, age 21, the romantic pair whose course since their elopement to Santa Ana Monday last has been so beset with difficulties, will hasten today to finally settle their status as man and wife by being married again.

Still fearful because of the court's stern order of the day before, which set aside her marriage as impossible under the law of California, the youthful bride again faced Judge Wilbur yesterday, her intention to commit suicide before appearing in court she announced with determination that no school could hold her for the coming six months with her present attitude. The judge quietly asked if after he had placed her in some good school she would remain without attempting to get away, she firmly set her lips and refused to answer.

After another delay more evidence was taken to show the marriage had been made in good faith by both, the parents consenting to the union. When the hearing was resumed again at 4 o'clock the court announced its decision. The matter was dropped, and no further attention will be paid to it. The former bride and groom were jubilant.

"We're going to Arizona in the morning," happily announced Miss White. "They permit 13-year-old girls to get married there."

While waiting for the court's final hearing on the matter, prior to the announcement of the decision, the small heroine could with difficulty restrain herself. Plainly she had an intimation of the outcome.

"If the judge lets us go, we are getting somewhere, right away, and get married all over again," she said, laughing. "I don't know where; maybe to Arizona, maybe to Mexico. There let girls of only 12 get married, there, you know. But I guess it will be Arizona."

"No, we can't stay very long, for Alonzo has to be back at his work. "My, but I am crazy to get settled in our little cottage. We are going to live in Ocean Park. Alonzo's parents have given us a cottage for a wedding present." Her eyes glistened and she looked somewhere on Frazier street. There are two places, and we haven't made up our minds which we will take. "Oh, I am afraid I couldn't stand it to send me to school. I couldn't stand it, I know. I am afraid I would kill myself first. That is an awful thing to say, but I would do it."

COURTS TO ADJOURN FOR THE FUNERAL OF TAGGART

All departments of the superior court, out of respect for the late J. W. Taggart, associate justice of the district court of appeal, the funeral of which will be held this afternoon, will close at noon today. A committee from the Los Angeles Bar association has been appointed by the court to prepare memorial resolutions. The members are J. W. McKinley, W. J. Hunsacker, Henry O'Melveny, J. H. Shanklin and Wheaton A. Gray.

All the superior court judges will serve as honorary pallbearers.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Divorce actions begun in the superior court yesterday. Robert Richardson vs. Nellie Richardson, in which the husband is charged with desertion. John Riddly, Verlie Phillips vs. Walter Phillips, Stephen Zlinko vs. Magda K. Zlinko and Joseph M. Medina vs. Maria J. Medina.

THEY ARE ALKALINE

Practically All Natural Waters in Southern California Contain Considerable Amounts of Unhealthful Mineral Matter

Doubtless you have noticed the slightly "brackish" taste of the city water when you use it for drinking purposes.

This is due to the mineral matter contained in the water. It is not the water itself, but the mineral matter which is dissolved in it. This mineral matter is composed of various salts, and is known as "alkaline."

Regular Puritas customers purchase coupon books, thus securing the pure water at a discount. When you telephone ask us about these.

If you want pure, wholesome beverages, order Puritas Soda. These are sold wherever there are good things to drink. If you want them in your home telephone us. Home 10958; Sunset Main 8191. Los Angeles Ice and Cold Storage Co.

COURT DENIES DIVORCE ON IMPROBABLE CHARGE

Alleges Wife Acted Improperly with Septuagenarian

Julius Hantzschel, who alleged improper conduct on the part of his wife, Gertrude Hantzschel, as ground for a divorce before Judge Hutton's court yesterday, was denied a decree. The court stated that the fact that the alleged improprieties were said to have occurred yesterday, with one Andrew Hunt of the age of 76 years was so improbable that the decree could not be granted.

Andrew testified that on returning from a six months' visit to Europe, he, on the advice of friends, proceeded to the house where his wife was housekeeper for Andrew Hunt, in the morning and tried to open a bedroom window to investigate.

Andrew, who took the stand, stated that on that occasion he heard some conversation around the house and had got up to investigate and that when Hantzschel's chamber he was there, Mrs. Hantzschel's gross complaint for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty was also denied.

Andrew was granted to Gussie Mueller from Ernest Mueller.

WOMAN SUES LANDLORD FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES

Claims a Fall on Unsafe Steps Makes Work Impossible

Mrs. Anna Ohmer, in a suit against her landlord, N. Armstrong, for \$10,000 damages, tried in Judge Hervey's court yesterday, stated that she had fallen from a fall occasioned by unsafe condition of the steps leading to her home she had been unable to continue her former employment as a dressmaker. Her sole income now, she claimed, is from one cow.

The accident is alleged to have occurred October 19, 1909, at 629 South Figueroa street, and the step in question was supposed to have already been repaired.

On account of the fact that Mrs. Ohmer's husband is living, though a divorce is now pending, a continuance till August 19 was granted in order, either that the divorce be secured or the husband be made a party, as is required by law.

PROSPECTOR SUES CANDY COMPANY FOR DAMAGES

Eugene Brooks, mining prospector, in a suit begun yesterday in the superior court against the Nelson Candy company asks \$97.25 damages for alleged injuries sustained when struck by the defendant's delivery wagon on October 20, 1909.

The complaint is filed by reason of bruises and broken ribs there sustained. He has been permanently incapacitated from continuing his former occupation as a prospector and at Third street and Central avenue.

WIFE NOT DIVORCED WHEN SHE MARRIED, IS CHARGE

Henry W. Wulze asks an annulment of his marriage with Naomi Hill Wulze in a complaint filed in the superior court yesterday on the ground that at that time she was married to one Francis McCrea, from whom she was not then or now divorced. The marriage, he says, was on December 5, 1908, in this city.

TO CHANGE STREET NAME

The name of Edgar street and Olympian avenue will be changed to Leclaire street if the council accepts the recommendation of the streets and boulevards committee. The board of public works acquiesced in the change request by property owners and residents of the vicinity of the two streets under consideration.

JURY EXONERATES SLAYER IN LUNCH COUNTER FIGHT

Exonerated by the coroner's jury at the inquest held yesterday over the body of Ralph Phillips, who died in the Sisters' hospital Wednesday, Jesse F. Navarre, owner of a cigar stand at the corner of Central avenue, was released from the city jail, where he had been detained on a charge of homicide pending the outcome of the inquest.

5700 NEW HOME SITES SECURED BY L. A. I. CO.

The Los Angeles Investment company has paid \$80,000 for a tract of eighty acres adjoining Hyde park on the west and Inglewood on the north. The tract is owned by J. M. Carpenter, Emily A. Carpenter, C. T. Crowell and Ella G. Crowell.

'STRONG ARM' MEN ROB CHARLES LHOON OF \$17

While returning to his home at an early hour yesterday morning, Charles Lhoon, 1132 South Los Angeles street, was given the "strong arm" by two men at First and San Pedro streets and robbed of \$17 in cash. Lhoon was seized by the men, he received and woke up in time to see the men running down the street. He reported the matter to the detectives yesterday but could not give a description of his assailants.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

First Methodist Episcopal church of Eagle Rock valley—Trustees: Amos Davis, John J. Kolbe, Martha A. Spangler, Irving R. Lovejoy and James Kinchely.

United Building company, capital stock, \$200,000; paid up, \$35—Marvin Earl Cox, Lillian Helen White and Lulu Lavina Pierce, directors.

Municipal Affairs

FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKS \$823,000 FOR THIS YEAR

Large Estimate Due to a Great Number of Improvements Now Proposed

It will take \$823,000 to run the fire department for the ensuing year, according to the estimate submitted at the meeting of the fire commissioners yesterday morning. This estimate includes the installation of a manual fire alarm system, the amount expended last year was \$732,199, a saving of \$49,859 on the appropriation allowed the department.

The greater number of proposed improvements is given as the reason for the request for a larger sum this year than was apportioned last year, among which are the conversion of part of the horse-drawn apparatus to motor-driven apparatus, the building of the Figueroa street engine house, including the installation of a manual fire alarm system valued at \$60,000, the purchase of \$40,000 worth of fire hose, the addition of new apparatus and an increased salary list, due to the appointment of two new crews of firemen.

It is proposed to purchase four autos for the use of assistant chiefs of the department and to add the following motor-driven apparatus: two fire pumping engines, four city trucks, two aerial trucks and two combination wagons, at a total cost of \$83,800.

If the amount assigned for is granted, it is intended to build a double brick structure at Washington and Arlington streets, at a cost of \$18,000, and another building of the same type at a similar cost at State and Brooklyn streets. A single building of brick will be erected at First and Reno streets, to cost \$15,000. \$10,000 fire apparatus building will be built at Hollywood.

In addition to installing 1000 large hydrants at a cost of \$110,000, the business district of Los Angeles, San Pedro is to be given twenty-five new hydrants, and a pipe line is to be laid across the channel to Terminal Island at a cost of \$300,000. The water to be given a fire boat at a cost of \$3000 and a pipe line at a cost of \$4000.

In order to pay the salaries of the members of the present department and the ones proposed to be added it will take \$399,655.

The bureau of fire alarms will require \$137,700 which \$60,000 will be expended in installing the manual fire alarm system in the proposed \$75,000 reinforced concrete building at Sixth and Figueroa streets. It is proposed to install fifty new fire alarm telegraph boxes at a cost of \$6250, and eighty-nine new police signal boxes.

TAKES STAND AGAINST PROPOSED NEW PARK

Welfare Committee Opposes Report of Playground Board

The public welfare committee did not take kindly to the report of the playground commission of March 22, recommending that twenty-five acres in the vicinity of Thirty-eighth and Hoover streets be condemned for park or playground purposes, and yesterday decided to suggest to the council that the report of the park commission be not adopted, and the petition for park and playground purposes be not granted, and others be denied without prejudice.

In order to establish a rule for further petitions for the establishment of parks and playgrounds, the park and playground committee will recommend that the following rule be adopted by the council:

"That it is the sense of the city council that hereafter the council will not consider petition or petitions to acquire by condemnation any land situated in the city of Los Angeles for public park or playground purposes, unless the petition is supported by 25 per cent of the property owners in the district created in said petition to pay the expenses of condemnation proceedings, and the present department to describe their property in such a manner that the same may be readily checked by the engineer, and attached to said petition, and the petition for park and playground purposes, and that the signatures are genuine and that they are the owners of the property therein referred to, and that the petition is supported by 25 per cent of the property owners in the district created in said petition, and that the city engineer and city attorney be instructed accordingly."

BURGER IS DISCHARGED FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioners Refuse Resignation to Adopt Own Measures

R. M. Burger, a fireman who a few weeks ago was up before the fire commission on a charge of having failed to respond to an alarm, but who was dismissed with a reprimand on presenting what the commission considered a near-excuse, was yesterday discharged from the department. Burger presented his resignation yesterday morning, but the commission refused to accept it, as he had failed to give the required five days' notice of intention to resign.

Fireman S. H. Calderwood, now under suspension for having failed to report for duty after his regular day off, was cited to appear July 21 and show cause why he should not be dismissed from the department for his offense against the regulations.

On recommendation of former superior, E. H. Enos, who was discharged from the department, will be given a chance to re-enter the service. Chief Eley made a request for 12,000 feet of fire hose and 1000 tons of oak hay for the use of the department.

HOLD PRINTING CONTRACT PENDING COURT DECISION

The city council will withhold the contract for the city printing until such time as the appellate court determines whether or not the San Pedro Daily News is a newspaper of general circulation. The superior court held that the News was such, but the owners of the Los Angeles Daily Journal, which now holds the contract for city printing, have appealed the case to a higher court.

PROTEST ASSESSMENTS

Twenty protests against assessments were considered yesterday morning by the city council, sitting as an equalization board. The Lincoln hotel succeeded in having its assessment reduced from \$13,000 to \$10,000.

APPROPRIATION TO SEAL BONDS HERE

City Council Members Favor the Idea of Disposing of Aqueduct Securities at Home

NO DELAY IN BIG PROJECT

Amount Available Insures Completion of Water System Before the Expected Time

The plan to dispose of the Los Angeles aqueduct bonds at home instead of the city here given their endorsement in the east yesterday received the unanimous approval of the city council, which adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of \$3,604,000 of the aqueduct securities of the series of 1912.

Inasmuch as the leading business men and representative organizations of the city have given their endorsement to the present plan to expedite the aqueduct work, and as the larger banks of the city, with other concerns, have agreed to purchase enough bonds to insure the city of an aqueduct fund of at least \$200,000 a month, there is no longer any cause for worry, and Los Angeles may be said to have entirely overcome the serious crisis which so recently threatened its most important enterprise.

It was agreed yesterday by a number of prominent business men who have looked carefully into the situation that the New York bond syndicate has acted unfairly, and that its refusal to bid for the bonds, and its refusal to pay the bond installments until next February—claiming that it already had purchased bonds in excess of the amount called for by its contract with the city—due to the fact that the syndicate is also handling the bonds of several Los Angeles power and lighting corporations, operated and controlled by the city, and that the city may be affected, the bond syndicate believes, by the action of the Los Angeles administration in reducing their lighting rates from 8 to 7 cents per kilowatt hour, which reduction was recently indorsed at the referendum election.

It has been charged, and it is claimed that an investigation which determined the accusation that these corporations have influenced the bond syndicate to refuse to make further payments in the hope of tying up the aqueduct project, and of delaying for another year, at least, the completion of the enterprise, which will give the city an almost unlimited water supply, and an electric power plant which, naturally, it is claimed, eventually may result in the municipal ownership of the lighting and power distributing systems.

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EPWORTH LEAGUES VISIT LOS ANGELES INSTITUTIONS

The Rev. Dana Bartlett, accompanied by twenty members of the district Epworth league, who are making an investigation of various institutions in Los Angeles, visited central police headquarters yesterday on their tour of inspection. The party first visited the receiving hospital and then were taken into the police courts and watched the disposition of criminal cases. Other places visited by the league yesterday were the detention home, the county jail and the Bethlehem institute.

COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER ANTI-PICKETING MEASURE

The city council, as an informal committee of the whole, will meet tomorrow afternoon to consider the passage of an ordinance against picketing. Representatives from the striking labor element and deputations from the Merchants and Manufacturers' association and the chamber of commerce will be present to confer with the councilmen.

The meeting, because of its informal nature, will not be open to the public, according to Chairman Andrews of the legislation committee.

Store Closes Saturday at 12:30

Bargain Friday No. 549

Souvenir Card Albums Mended Gloves 59c Half Price

These are cloth bound and hold from 50 to 200 cards. Because they are slightly soiled we offer them at half price.

50c Albums 25c
75c Albums 40c
\$1.00 Albums 50c
\$1.25 Albums 65c

25c BOX-PAPER 10c—24 sheets and 24 envelopes.
25c PLACE AND TALLY CARDS
13c dozen—All special lot of odds and ends, all in good condition.
13c dozen, or 2 dozen for 25c.

5c Doz. Paper Napkins, 2 doz. 6c—Decorated in many pretty seasonable designs. Rear sizes 2 and 2.

DUST PANS 30c
These are the 1c long-handled models that prevent stepping and are therefore a splendid dust pan for every home. 50 of these to be offered today at, each 10c.

IRONING BOARD 36c
Splendid 48" baseboard boards that regularly sell for 49c.

"As Is" Sale China Pieces
No half-hearted reductions in these china pieces that are slightly cracked or chipped, but really price cuts will astonish you. A big table filled with useful articles priced at 1c, 2c, 5c and upward.

SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS 3c
Nicely decorated. Regularly 7 1/2c.

12 1/2c COTTAGE SETS
The desired white and gold German china cottage sets in good shapes and neat decorations of gold. Today, \$9.95.

75c VARNISH 30c CAN
This is the well known Ohio Clear Varnish in quart cans. A surplus lot of regular 75c cans at, each 50c.

15c ROAST PAN 12c
Black sheet iron roasts pan in the full 8x17 size.

ICE CREAM FREEZERS \$2
4-qt capacity now marked \$2.65. For a feature today \$2.

COFFEE and TEA POT 15c
These are marked 25c and 25c. Splendid gray enamelware. Some slightly imperfect, but hardly noticeable.

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"Big feature" in the word our buyer sends to the advertising office for this item. Good, serviceable white porcelain cups and saucers. Regularly \$1.20 dozen. Today \$1.00 dozen.

PINT MASON JARS, DOZEN 48c
No phone or mail orders and a limit of 2 dozen to a customer. Genuine Mason's.

WIND-UP WASH GOODS PURCHASE

Here's the last of the 36,000 yards of wash goods that we purchased from a western jobber at close to half. Today's prices are lowest of the week, and the already low prices take a tumble today this way:

20c German Linen Suiting 25c
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15c Printed Lawns Today 6 1/2c
60c Silk Crepes, Today Only 15c

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Thousands upon thousands of yards of the most desirable lengths of white and colored lawns, dimity and batiste, madras, ginghams, percales, calicoes and outing flannel. Every time we announce a sale of remnants at half price the women of Los Angeles fill their present and anticipate their future needs. Today just half price.

Apron Checked 5c
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Also fancy dress ginghams, soft flannel chambray and fancy prints, represent this exceptional bargain for today.

Fancy Prints, Full Pieces, Yard 4 1/2c
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