

QUITS CLAIM TO HUNTINGTON FILL

S. P. Formally Admits It Has No Right to Ground Where It Built Tracks

EXPLAINS LAYING OF RAILS

Official, in Letter to Police Chief, Says Work Was Temporary

H. V. Platt, general superintendent of the southern district, Southern Pacific railroad, addressed a letter to Chief of Police Alexander Galloway yesterday in regard to the action of the officials of Los Angeles in tearing up the railroad company's tracks laid across the Huntington fill Sunday.

Mr. Platt stated that he was only sending the letter in order that the general public might know the Southern Pacific laid no claim whatever to the district known as the Huntington fill, or mole, and that the railroad company had simply put its tracks there temporarily and in order to facilitate building a slip on the waterfront.

In speaking of the affair, Mr. Platt and the Southern Pacific's attorney, Frank Karr, both stated that the company made no claim to the ground to the effect that they had intended to take up the track today, had the city not gone ahead and removed it for them. Mr. Karr says he told Chief Galloway of the road's intention and even offered to put his statements in writing if the chief thought it necessary. He stated also that he had offered to sign a statement for the chief that the Southern Pacific did not claim the ground if the latter desired it.

The road's officials stated that they would take no action in regard to the matter, giving the impression that they were perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the work was done for them.

PLATT'S LETTER

The letter follows: Los Angeles, Sept. 12, 1910. Mr. A. Galloway, Chief of Police, Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir: During my absence from Los Angeles I was apprised of your action in the matter of taking up temporary track at San Pedro, laid for the purpose of the construction of this company's slip at that point and by proper permission at that time.

Late Saturday night a message reached me while I was out on the line, and absent from Los Angeles, that you were demanding immediate removal of the cars on the temporary track for the purpose of removing the same. Instructions were promptly given to division officials and they in turn instructed officers at San Pedro to take up this track Monday morning, the 12th, as it was not considered necessary to transport a gang there Sunday for the purpose of view of the fact that we lay no claim whatever to any portion of the property known as Huntington fill to the south of the eighty-foot street which parallels the southwesterly side of the slip, and it is for this purpose of properly informing the public in this respect that this communication is written to you, as impression seems to be extant that this company lays some claim to the Huntington fill south of the lines above indicated.

I can only add to public statement made at San Pedro by Attorney Karr that the company lays no claim whatever to any portion of the Huntington fill south of the eighty-foot street. It is to be regretted, under the circumstances, that the city was put to any inconvenience or expense in connection with this matter, your truly, H. V. PLATT, General superintendent, Southern Pacific company.

POLICE STILL GUARD THE HUNTINGTON FILL

SAN PEDRO, Sept. 12.—Police officers are keeping up the watch on the Huntington fill. Work was done by the Southern Pacific or Pacific Electric from relaying the tracks torn up yesterday by police under the direction of Chief of Police Galloway. Work commenced today on the erection of a house on the fill for police headquarters. Telephones will be installed so there may be quick communication with the station at the city hall. This morning C. E. Stevens, the Southern Pacific roadmaster, went over the work done by the city authorities yesterday, in company with W. B. Duncan, the local agent.

COURT IMPOSES FINES ON SPEEDERS OF AUTOS

Four automobilists pleaded guilty to charges of exceeding the speed limit before Police Judge Williams yesterday and were fined \$25 each. They were F. B. Webster, Sherman McDaniels, S. Kiehl and Henry Dares. T. B. Kelly, a fifth offender, was released on his own recognizance to appear in court this afternoon to enter his plea to a speed charge. All the speeders were arrested while returning from the beaches Sunday afternoon by Motorcycle Officers Coe and Gardner.

DECLARE PACIFIC ELECTRIC BLOCKS WATER COURSES

People of the Compton and Willowbrook district complained to the supervisors yesterday that natural courses for storm waters have been obstructed by construction work of the Pacific Electric company. They requested the board to take steps to restrain the company. The matter was referred to the district attorney and to Supervisor Nellis for investigation.

BANK CLEARINGS TOP MARK

The Los Angeles bank clearings broke all records for September 12 by reaching the \$5,292,463 mark, which beats the same day last year by \$1,012,416. Los Angeles bankers predict a healthy condition of business during the coming fall and winter.

MRS. KRAUSS STILL IN JAIL; VICTIM RECOVERING

Will Be Arraigned in Police Court Today

Still unable to secure bail, Mrs. Virginia Krauss, former wife of Dr. William Krauss of Tennessee, the noted bacteriologist, who shot and seriously wounded Franklin H. Griffith, a wealthy mining operator of this city, languishes in the matron's department of the city jail. She was not so happy yesterday and repeatedly stated that she wished it was all over. She has made numerous attempts to secure bail but has been unsuccessful in all of them. Although she represented herself as being well connected and of wealthy parentage, no one has come to her rescue. It is likely Mrs. Krauss will be arraigned in police court today and a date will be set then for her preliminary hearing. Griffith was reported yesterday by attaches of the Clara Barton hospital, where he was removed following the shooting, as being much improved.

CLIFF IS MENACE TO STREET BELOW

Police Give Warning of Danger Near South Approach of Hill Street Tunnel

To prevent a dangerous accident, officials of the Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad company were yesterday notified by the police of a large fissure in the cliff beneath the northeast corner of the Highland Villa, rooming house at First and Hill streets, a cliff that overhangs the tracks of the company's Hollywood and Colegrove lines at the south approach to the Hill street tunnel. The menace runs a length of ten or twelve feet, and apparently reaches back far under the frail wooden structure. Should the earth shift a trifle, the entire cliff would crumble and fall on to the tracks below. Cars pass at this point every five minutes, and should one earth score of persons would be killed instantly. The company was notified of the danger in order that it might take precautionary measures.

A short time ago about ten feet of the dirt crumbled away from under the northeast corner of the building and fell on the tracks below, directly in front of a car emerging from the tunnel. It was with the greatest difficulty that the motorman succeeded in bringing his car to a stop and thereby saved the lives of more than a score of passengers. A few months later the building was vacated, and since that time has been unoccupied. Guards have been placed on duty to prevent anyone from being led into the tunnel to warn pedestrians of the immediate danger of using it. The property was purchased by the railroad company at the time the Hill street tunnel was built. It was found necessary at that time to cut away the earth directly to the north of the crumbling edge of a cliff, a sheer thirty feet above the tracks directly beneath it. It is likely the railroad company will build a retaining wall, which should have been built at the time of the boring of the tunnel.

TEMPORARILY OUST HEAD OF ALHAMBRA TRUSTEES

Action Taken in Order to Have Light Contract Signed

Because he refused to sign a lighting contract between the city of Alhambra and the Pacific Light and Power company, unless instructed to do so by a vote of the people, R. M. Wallace, president of the board of trustees of Alhambra, yesterday was temporarily removed from office, and his successor, R. R. Behlow, chairman of the finance committee, was empowered by the trustees and ordered to sign the agreement. The contract offered by the lighting company was, according to many, one of the most liberal for the city.

Mr. Wallace, however, held out in favor of a municipal plant. Several heated controversies were had by the board of trustees and Wallace a few days ago called a meeting of the taxpayers of the community for the purpose of settling the matter. The meeting accomplished nothing, and, as the citizens of Alhambra were in a hurry for street lights, the trustees yesterday decided to sign the contract without the prior consent of the voters. They therefore removed him temporarily and ordered Mr. Behlow to sign in his stead. The company is under bond to fulfill its part of the contract and to install the lights within four months. The contract calls for an eight-cent rate, and it is in many ways similar to the contract with the same company recently signed by South Pasadena.

PHYSICIAN GIVES BANQUET TO DR. CHARLES W. BRYSON

OCEAN PARK, Sept. 12.—Dr. Charles W. Bryson, dean of the college of physicians and surgeons of the University of Southern California, was the guest of honor at a banquet given at Cline's cafe by Dr. D. G. Turnbull. The host, who was formerly in charge of the serum laboratory of the Mexican government, has accepted the position of associate professor of pathology at the University of Southern California. Questions of civic health and sanitation were discussed. Among the guests were Dr. H. Will Levensgood, Dr. W. S. Smith, Dr. William H. Parker, Dr. George von Wedelstaedt, Judge William A. Bennie and City Trustee John D. MacKinnon.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—A first dividend of 15 per cent to the creditors of the defunct First National bank of Rhyolite, Nev., was declared today by the comptroller of the currency. The bank failed March 19, 1910.

COUNTY TAX RATE TO BE 90 CENTS

Board of Supervisors and Auditor Working on Figures for Coming Year

VALUATION \$20,000,000 LESS

School Levy Will Be Increased for Year from 18 Cents to 46 Cents

If the figures now being compiled by the supervisors and county auditor are not subjected to too great changes the state and county tax rate for this year will be approximately the same as that of last year, which was 90 cents. Several conferences between the supervisors and county auditor will be held this week, for the rate must be fixed by Monday.

A 90-cent tax rate for this year will mean less taxes than last year, due to the fact that the rate is based on the total valuation of \$504,930,205, which is about \$20,000,000 less than the assessed valuation of the county last year.

Although the county and state tax will probably be the same, Los Angeles city will have an increased special school tax. Last year the special school tax was 18 cents. This year it will be 46 cents, an increase of 28 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

SCHOOL FUNDS

It is most probable that every department of school revenue will be raised this year. Los Angeles city special fund wants \$688,886, as compared to \$290,851 last year. The city high school maintenance funds will require \$677,950, or \$250,000 more than last year, and the school bond fund needs \$124,733. The majority of this increase is due to the maintenance of schools in the annexed districts. These school levies are based on an assessed valuation of \$306,172 for the Los Angeles city district. In addition, the common schools of this county will require \$791,711, counting the legal allowance of \$7 for each of 83,178 school children, an extra \$100 for each of 1745 teachers. This levy of \$791,000 is counted in the regular state and county rate of 90 cents. The other school items are in the special rate of 46 cents.

COUNTY EXPENSES

In addition to the fund for schools, the board will need funds to meet the expenses of the county which will bring the total to be raised by taxation to \$3,151,000—an approximate figure from the year, but it appears that the board may see fit at its deliberations this week. This \$3,151,000 includes the following estimated items: General fund, \$800,000; salaries, \$400,000; hospital fund, \$300,000; hospital building fund, \$100,000; exposition, \$10,000; agricultural park museum, \$250,000; court house furniture, \$200,000; highway fund, \$200,000; good roads, \$50,000; detention house, \$50,000.

ANGELENO WILL TRY FOR NEXT G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

Convention League's Invitation Is Backed by City and State Governments

H. Z. Osborne, representing the Grand Army posts of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Convention league, which in turn represents the chamber of commerce, the Merchants and Manufacturers' association, and other commercial bodies of the city, left for Atlantic City, N. J., by the "Owl" last evening, to attend the forty-fifth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and extend an invitation on behalf of the city of Los Angeles to hold the forty-fifth national encampment in Los Angeles in 1911.

Captain Osborne takes with him formal invitations from the various commercial bodies, from the city government, the Merchants and Manufacturers' association, and other commercial bodies of the city, left for Atlantic City, N. J., by the "Owl" last evening, to attend the forty-fifth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and extend an invitation on behalf of the city of Los Angeles to hold the forty-fifth national encampment in Los Angeles in 1911. An investigation is being made by detectives into the claims of the two women who represent themselves to be his wives and who accuse him of bigamy. If the accusations are found to be well founded, the battery charge will be dismissed and the graver charge lodged against him.

JEFFERSON STREET CAR CRUSHES OFF BOY'S LEG

While playing in the street in front of 812 East Third street at about 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon, Manuel Modena, a 3-year-old boy whose parents live at 303 Avery street, was run down by an inbound West Jefferson street car and both feet were badly crushed. He was placed in an automobile and hurried to the Crocker street hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the left leg below the knee. An effort will be made to save his right leg. The child was playing in the street and ran out from behind a grocery wagon and directly in front of a car before it could be brought to a stop. Motorman Peret and Conductor Little were in charge of the car.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

Dollar Oil company—R. A. Berry, J. E. Parker, R. J. Tarbell, R. D. Morison and K. R. Mertens, directors; capital stock, \$500,000; subscribed, \$50,000. Equitable Realty company—E. B. Armstrong and L. C. Cook, directors; capital stock, \$200,000; subscribed, \$5,000. Vertical Condenser company—L. Zeigler, F. S. Calkins and F. G. Calkins, directors; capital stock, \$25,000; subscribed, \$3,000.

CASE INVOLVING \$20,000 IN NOTES LOST BY WOMAN

U. S. Circuit Court Dismisses Action Against Estate

Melliza Funk's efforts to secure judgment in the sum of \$20,000 against the estate of the late Theodore P. Bunnell of Santa Monica have been of no avail, for yesterday Judge Wellborn in the United States circuit court sustained a demurrer to the complaint, and by this action of the court Mrs. Funk lost her case. Mr. Bunnell died about eight years ago, leaving an estate valued at \$175,000, and Mrs. Funk brought action, alleging that she held three notes made by Bunnell shortly before his death. She claims that these notes were given her to "right a great wrong" alleged to have been done by Bunnell when Mrs. Funk was a girl in Indiana fifty-one years ago. The court, according to the complainant, provided that an aggregate of \$20,000 be paid her after the maker's death. Judge Wellborn ruled that the notes were invalid, chiefly because of lack of consideration.

TOURIST TRADE IN DANGER—WIGGINS

Secretary of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Sounds Note of Warning

Unless the commercial organizations and the railroads of this state take up the matter seriously, Florida will capture the cream of the winter tourist trade, declares Frank Wiggins, secretary of the chamber of commerce. He received a communication from Cincinnati, O., where Los Angeles has maintained an exhibit at the Ohio Valley exposition, stating that Florida was flooding the place with literature and that its representatives could offer very favorable railroad rates all through the year. "We must certainly get busy," said Secretary Wiggins, "if we want to keep our tourist trade. One of the principal things is to secure more frequent and permanent rates for colonists. It is certainly up to the citizens as well as the railroad men to see that we have more tourist rates, especially round-trip rates." One of the objects of the recently formed Convention league is to bring people out here to view the country and thus secure the awakening of the citizens as to the danger to the citizens as well as the railroad men to see that we have more tourist rates, especially round-trip rates.

BIGAMY MAY BE CHARGED TO STREET RAILWAY MAN

John Miller to Have Trial Today on Charge of Gaggling Wife

John Miller, the street car employe charged with binding and gagging his young wife and leaving her insensible on the sidewalk in Hollywood last year, may not lose any of its annual influx of tourists. Naturally the roads in this section are interested in having a heavy tourist travel at all times of the year, but it appears that Florida boosters are exerting so much influence upon the eastern roads that they can secure the most favorable low rates.

MASS IS CELEBRATED FOR THE LATE MRS. DILLON

Priests from the different parts of the diocese were present at the month's recitation mass celebrated yesterday morning at St. Cecilia's church for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Dillon, mother of the Rev. Paul Dillon, pastor of the church, who died August 12 in Kerry, Ireland. At the solemn mass yesterday morning, which was attended by a large congregation, Father Dillon was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. W. F. Quinn, deacon; the Rev. Father Gilroy, sub-deacon, and the Rev. Father Lucey, master of ceremonies. The Rev. Joseph McManus, pastor of St. Mary's church, preached an eloquent sermon. The following priests were present in the sanctuary: The Revs. Clifford O'Flaherty, Murphy, Ford, Garrigan, O'Callaghan, O'Rourke, Burke, Blackwell, McManus, O'Regan, Sayers, Donahoe, O'Gorman, Fahey, O'Neill, Cotter, Frenderville and Golden.

BALDWIN RANCH PROPERTY SALES IN PROBATE COURT

In the probate court Judge Rives yesterday approved a sale of the Baldwin ranch property in the E. J. Baldwin estate, aggregating \$90,000 in value. The sales are being made to meet all indebtedness in order that distribution to heirs of the estate may be made. Following were the sales negotiated by H. A. Unruh, the executor: J. E. Waldron, \$475; Mary Frances Lieber, \$100.00; E. P. Zimmerman, \$2472.75; George L. Tucker, \$10,298.75; Milton Kaufman, \$20,225.00; William H. Perrin, \$2900; William B. and Alfred A. Packard, \$3900; Edith M. Askew, \$1800; Frederick Aberle, \$3000; F. E. Roker, \$1250; V. A. Reynolds, \$4850.25; A. H. and H. A. Crawford, \$7500; Rex Elliott, trustee, \$760.05; Ralph de Lutz, \$3000; Jesse L. Worthy, \$7500; James T. Worthy, \$2500; Edward L. Wilson, \$10,200.92.

\$100,000 MORE TO FINISH BUILDING

No Plans Made for Completing Two Upper Floors of the Hall of Records

\$22,639 IS NEEDED AT ONCE

District Attorney's Quarters Subject of Appropriation Now Asked by Architects

In order to complete the sixth and seventh stories of the hall of records it may be necessary for the supervisors to make another appropriation of \$100,000 for that purpose in order that the two stories can be occupied by county officials. Frank Hudson, one of the architects, informed the board that the sum of \$22,639.50 will be needed to fix up the north wing of the seventh floor for the district attorney. The supervisors appeared surprised on being informed by Architect Hudson that the original appropriation did not provide for the finishing of these floors. The architect explained that they were left unfinished because no offices had been assigned, therefore the architects did not know how the floors were to be finished. To complete that portion of the seventh floor wanted by the district attorney, C. Leonard, the general contractor, wants an additional \$18,406; Ernest Hulse, for electrical work, wants \$550; Eugene Murray, for heating fixtures, \$1096.80; Blumbe & Jay, plumbing, \$1487, which makes a total of \$22,639.50. As this figure is only for a portion of the seventh floor, the supervisors figured that in order to complete all of the sixth and seventh floors it would be necessary to expend the sum of \$100,000. The supervisors did not wish to let the contract at the present time and referred the matter to Assistant District Attorney Shaw to ascertain whether the contract can be let without first having to advertise for bids.

CONSOLIDATION PLANS OF GLENDALE CHANGED

Slight Alteration in the Proposed Boundaries Brings Out New Petitions

Due to slight changes in the proposed boundaries of a new city of Glendale, it will be necessary to again start petitions for the consolidation election which will be held about December 1, and petitions will be circulated today. The new city will take in a strip about half a mile wide on all sides of the present city of Glendale and if the consolidation carries, Glendale will be increased in area about 2 3/4 times. The new city as now proposed, will take in Tropic, but the line will leave Forest Lawn cemetery and a strip of ranch land between the cemetery and the city limits of Los Angeles to the south. On the east, the new line will take in the La Cote tract running northwesterly to the Hodgkins subdivision, then northwesterly by Sycamore canyon to the Southern Pacific tracks, and the Ross and Thom tract, then south to the Verdugo wash, and then west along this wash to the east line of Glendale boulevard tract. It was at first planned to take in all of the Ross and Thom tracts but at the last minute the line was changed to exclude part of this tract. The line will run north to a point 150 feet north of Stocker street, and thence west in order to leave Casa Verdugo out of the city. Several tracts will be made on Park avenue, and then the boundary will run south, almost to Fourth street, west to the Los Angeles city limits, and the Southern Pacific tracks, and then will follow along the Southern Pacific right of way to a point southwest of the Forest Lawn cemetery.

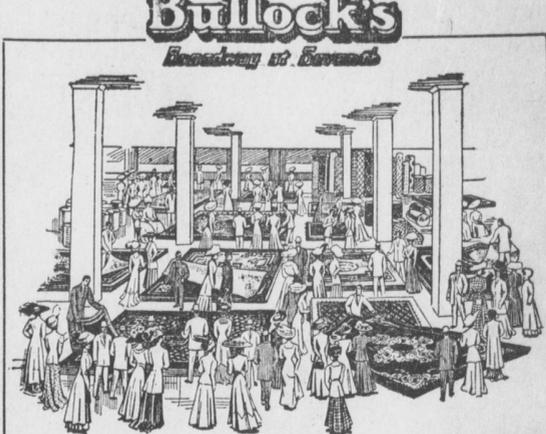
OBERLIN ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED HERE

Former Students and Teachers Welcome College Head

The Oberlin College association of Southern California was organized at a picnic held by former teachers and students of the college yesterday at Sycamore park. The outing was given in honor of President King of Oberlin, who, with several members of his family, was an honored guest. About 150 former students and members of their families, assembled for the basket luncheon at noon. At the formal organization the officers elected were F. W. Fairfield, president; J. N. Quinn, Rev. Dr. W. M. Brooks and Mrs. H. C. Miller, vice presidents, and L. F. Bickford, secretary and treasurer. The president and secretary are to serve with the following as the executive committee: N. Messer, Miss Grace Pomplpy and Miss Ina Stickle. A short program of addresses was given, Dr. Baer speaking for the educational interests of Southern California in welcoming President King. Addresses were also made by the Rev. Dr. W. F. Day and J. M. Quinn. President King made a response.

BOYS WOUND NEIGHBOR AND PAY \$10 IN FINES

E. H. Wilson and Ralph Sunday were fined \$5 each by Police Judge Williams yesterday on charges of discharging firearms within the city limits. They were amusing themselves by shooting at a target with a small rifle. Lawrence Edmondson, a 15-year-old boy living at 720 Ezra street, was standing in the rear of his home when a stray bullet struck him above the ankle. A complaint which he made when taken to the receiving hospital started an investigation, which resulted in the arrest of Sunday and Wilson.



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COURT HOLDS SUSPECT IN DYNAMITE ATTEMPT

H. B. Connors, Accused of Battery, Unable to Advance \$500 for Release

H. B. Connors, a striking metal worker, who was arrested several days ago on suspicion of complicity in the supposed attempt to dynamite the new hall of records, was arraigned before Police Judge Williams yesterday on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. His preliminary hearing was set for September 15 at 2 o'clock and his bail fixed at \$1000, which he was unable to furnish.

MAN WHO SLASHED WIFE TOTTERS INTO COURT

Beck Still Weak from Wounds He Gave Self in Period of Mad Fury

Terribly emaciated from his confinement in the county hospital, James A. Beck, the Pomona rancher who on August 15 wounded his wife by slashing her throat and then tried to kill himself in the same manner, while both were visiting friends at 415 South Flower street, was arraigned before Police Judge Williams yesterday morning on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. His preliminary hearing was set for September 15 at 2 o'clock and his bail fixed at \$1000, which he was unable to furnish. Beck has fully recovered from his self-inflicted injuries and was removed from the county hospital to the city jail Sunday. He was so weak when he appeared in police court yesterday that he had to be assisted to the bar by Bailiff Robb. Beck was believed to be affected mentally when his wife came down from Pomona to see him. Her suspicions of his sanity preyed upon him, and while she slept he attacked her with a razor, seriously wounding her, after which he slashed his own throat. The wife was not dangerously wounded, although she suffered from loss of blood and the pain caused by a number of cuts in her hands and arms and neck sustained while she fought off her maddened husband.