

AN OIL MEN DESIRE DAILY REMEDIAL LEGISLATION

Washington Committee Prepares Statement Outlining Object of Mission to Capital

The Washington committee of California oil men and placer locators of the state will have its sole mission at the capital to effect its possible remedial legislation. A carefully prepared statement has just been made by this committee. It follows:

The work of this committee has no relation or connection whatever with the passage of any laws relating to the future location or disposition of the oil lands of the United States government.

The purpose and object of the committee is to obtain remedial legislation so that with respect to lands upon which the mining laws have been or shall hereafter be fully complied with patents therefore can be applied for and obtained.

The sole object for which this legislation is to be directed and applied is, where an association of miners has located and commenced to develop a consolidated claim of 160 acres or less in conformity with the law and where, prior to the development of oil in any well drilled in such land, and, therefore, prior to discovery entitling them to a patent, the locators or some of them, or a corporation organized for the development of the claim, or to others assisting it for the purpose of developing it, and where the law has been fully complied with in connection with the claim and where the original locators in the absence of any such conveyance under the law would be clearly entitled to a patent thereon, that the patent, upon proof of such right, shall be issued to the successor or successors of such locators.

CHAMBER OF MINES GETS VANADIUM ORE FROM PERU

The Los Angeles chamber of mines and oil has made a number of additions to its mineral collection in the past few days. The most important of these is a complete set of specimens of vanadium ore from the Cerro de Pasco district, Peru. These specimens were received from the American Vanadium company, which controls the deposit. During 1908 the United States drew its supply of vanadium ore mostly, if not wholly, from Cerro de Pasco. The ore has been named Patroite, after A. G. Patron, superintendent of the smelter at Hurstville, who discovered the deposit.

A large group of quartz crystals from Northern California has been donated to the chamber by Wade & Wade, assayers, and handsome specimen of crystallized stibnite (sulphide of antimony) has been received from Baverstock & Stimpel, assayers.

LAND OFFICE RULINGS

Recently certain rulings of the land department have been reviewed by the original locators of prior to discovery patents and likewise title to such patented claims and likewise prevented the obtaining of a patent thereon.

Prior to these decisions of the court and the department, the customs and rulings of the miners and the decisions of the courts and thousands of mining locators had located and developed their claims. Millions of dollars have been invested in the drilling of wells and in the development of such claims. The expense of development and making discovery in such a claim running ordinarily from \$20,000 to \$75,000 per claim and sometimes in excess of the latter amount.

HOPES FOR MODIFICATION

It is confidently hoped that the land department will see its way clear to modify its decision so as to remedy in part the injustice of the situation. In any event, however, it is regarded as necessary that a remedial act shall be passed by congress and approved by the president and the senate, which will be issued thereon.

This committee is dealing with no other phase of the mining law than that which is in conflict with the good faith of the government. In confirming the title under and in accordance with this well settled rule of procedure, shall not be subject to question or doubt, it is thought that in any event such remedial legislation is necessary and should be speedily passed.

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Standard copper easy; spot, December, January, February and March, \$12.80 1/2; futures, 27 1/2 to 28. Arrivals reported at New York today, 185 tons. Custom house returns show exports of 407 tons so far this month. Local dealers quote lake copper at \$13.00 1/2; electrolytic, \$12.87 1/2; and casting, \$12.50 1/2.

Tin—Quiet; spot and December, \$37.50 1/2; January, February and March, \$37.50 1/2 to \$37.50. London firm; spot and futures, \$27 1/2.

Lead—Quiet, \$4.45 1/2 to \$4.50. New York, \$4.30 1/2 to \$4.35. East St. Louis, London, \$24 1/2 to \$25.

Iron—Cleveland warrants, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 in London. Locally iron was steady; 1 1/2 ton, \$10.00; No. 1 foundry, southern, and No. 1 southern, soft, \$11.75 to \$12.25; No. 2 foundry, northern, \$11.00 to \$11.50.

CLEANS UP WELL

The Guaranty Oil company received word last night that the American Oilfield's gusher on section 21, 24 has been nearly cleaned of sand and will soon be spouting oil again. The Guaranty's property is to be developed at once, and material for the first well is now being hauled in. It adjoins the American Oilfield on one side and the August on the other.

NEW LOST HILLS CONCERN

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 7.—A certified copy of the articles of incorporation of the Lost Hills Central Oil company, has been filed in the county clerk's office. The principal business office is located in San Francisco. The capital stock is \$200,000. The incorporators are Benjamin Goodwin, A. R. Smith, J. S. Curish, J. R. Mackey and G. T. Hopkins.

PRICE OF METALS IN NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Standard copper easy; spot and January, \$12.83 1/2; @ 12.85.

Lead quiet, \$4.45 to \$4.50, New York.

Bar silver, \$44 1/2.

Municipal Affairs

COUNTY MONEY COMING FOR BALLONA DISTRICT

City Auditor Informs Board of Public Works Improvement Fund Soon Available

Money for the Ballona road district will be paid into the city treasury yesterday according to a report made yesterday to the board of public works by City Auditor Myers. The auditor advised the board of the promised payment of the fund so that it could in turn be turned to the anxious residents of the district that they would have the improvements to which they are entitled.

It was through an investigation conducted by Mr. Myers that the amount the city will receive from the county is as large as it is. In his report to the board he says:

"As you probably know, there was offered to the city some months ago the sum of \$9,464.02 by the board of supervisors, said to be the amount due the city from the above source. I was led to believe that some mistake had been made, and that the amount should be considerably in excess of the amount offered. Subsequently, with assistance from the city assessor's office, I had a careful examination made of the county assessor's and county tax collector's records, which showed that the gross amount collected was above \$16,000. These figures were afterwards verified by a representative of the city and of the board of supervisors, which confirmed the amount claimed by the city. An agreement between myself and the amount which has been appropriated to the general road fund."

"The city will receive, without question, \$13,532.82, \$7000 of which will be paid into the city treasury within a few days and when the next apportionment of county taxes shall have been made. The board of supervisors claim that there is some question as to the payment of the \$2094 which has been placed in the general road fund and a suit may be necessary to determine whether or not it shall be retained by the county or turned over to the city."

WELFARE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE FACTORY SITES

Realty Men Want Industrial District Enlarged

How to extend the glad hand to factories that want to locate in Los Angeles and how to provide a place for them to locate in the future, was considered yesterday by the public welfare committee. The committee gave the entire afternoon to hearing the ideas of various persons interested in industrial districts and many schemes were proposed.

Los Angeles now has an industrial district, running chiefly along the river, but it is not practical as yet to make a specialty of dealing in industrial property, told the committee yesterday that the district is too small for the purposes of a large and rapidly growing city and that it is too far from the retail district.

Manufacturers want their factories as close to the market as they can get them and several instances were cited of manufacturers taking locations close to the retail district when, by going into the more remote parts of the city, they could have secured more desirable property at less cost.

BOARD REJECTS PETITION FOR OPENING OF STREET

Engineer Objects to the Cost on Santa Monica Avenue

With reluctance the board of public works yesterday denied one of the most public-spirited petitions that has been presented to it. The petition was headed by Leon Labone and signed by a number of property owners in the vicinity of Santa Monica avenue. It asked that Santa Monica avenue be opened and widened from Vermont to Main, paving the street with asphalt, lighting it with ornamental lights similar to those on Main, Spring and other principal streets, planting the parkings with date palms and declaring the street a boulevard.

The city engineer found that to open the street to Main would be very expensive. There are also a number of industries on the street that would be hampered if it were declared a boulevard and closed to heavy traffic. The assessment district proposed to pay for the work was too large, in the engineer's opinion.

COMMISSION MAY CONTEST BILL FOR POLICE BOXES

Failure to secure a majority of the members of the fire commission delayed the settlement of the demand of N. Banks Cregler, who asks that the city pay for 150 police boxes he has delivered, which was to have been made by the supply committee yesterday.

The superintendent of the fire alarm bureau has reported that the boxes do not conform to the specifications and the supply committee and fire commission are to consider the matter.

WOULD OUST BRICK YARDS

Determined to perfect an organization to present their grievances before the legislation committee next Saturday morning, the citizens of Boyle Heights, who have asked the council to remove four brickyards from their district, will hold a meeting in Stone's hall, First and Chicago streets, at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

SAVES A DIVORCE

Kind Hearted Judge Acts in the Nick of Time

In the Johnson divorce case which came to trial recently a most pathetic scene was acted in the court room. The testimony disclosed a sad tale, wherein whisky proved to be the downfall of a prosperous business man.

"Mrs. Johnson is a very attractive woman of about 35, and came into court smartly dressed in a tan and large black hat. Her refined manner on the stand surprised every one in the court room. Her tale was of a sad and sorry thousand dollars on my husband," she told the court. "I have taken him to every nanctarium and have given him every treatment that has been suggested to me. I have done all in any one's power to try and save him from himself, but to no avail, and under his present condition I cannot live with him any longer."

After reviewing all the circumstances connected with this case, the judge said: "Put the case over and I will bring Johnson into court. If he will go to the Gatin Institute on Grand avenue and try their liquor cure I will defer my final decision in the matter. And if that don't cure him nothing will. I believe, after all, that if Johnson can leave whisky alone you will be a very happy couple and there will be no necessity for any divorce proceedings."

MORTAR COVERS LABORER WHO FALLS FROM HOUSE

Falling eighteen feet when a piece of scaffolding gave way on the top of a building under course of construction at First and Broadway yesterday, James J. Tyrell, a laborer, was struck by a falling barrel of mortar and completely covered from view. He suffered a laceration of the left leg, a slight concussion of the scalp and was bruised about the body. The injured man was removed to the receiving hospital and later taken to his room at the New York hotel. He is 41 years old.

MOTORCYCLIST INJURED BY COLLISION WITH AN AUTO

While riding his motorcycle at Washington and Union streets yesterday morning, George H. Stafsford, living at 781 West Sixteenth street, collided with an automobile driven by C. R. Smead and was taken to the California hospital with his left leg broken. Smead carried Stafsford to the hospital in his car.

KICK OF HORSE KILLS MAN

Fred W. Hughes, 40 years old, who was kicked in the abdomen by a horse last Thursday at his home in Huntington Park, died yesterday in the Crocker street hospital as the result of his injuries. The body was removed to the undertaking parlors of Peck and Chase. No inquest will be held.

WATER BOARD MAY CLOSE WELLS ON VALLEY LAND

City Officials Alarmed Over Reported Operations on Lankershim Ranch

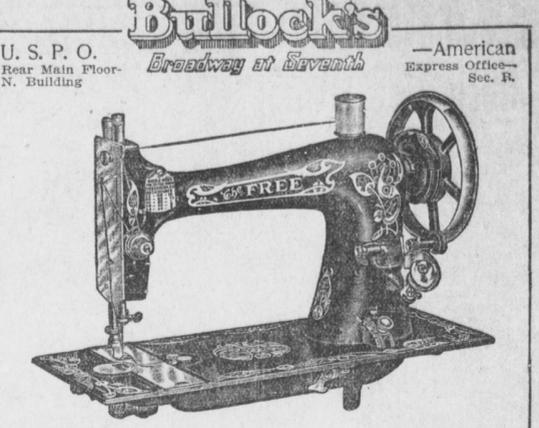
Alarmed at the number of wells that have been sunk on the Lankershim ranch in the San Fernando valley for irrigation, the water board has asked City Attorney Shenk if it has the right to stop pumping from these wells. The city attorney will reply that it has the right and that the right has been sustained by the supreme court.

An injunction was issued against the ranchers of the San Fernando valley pumping water from their wells, but it was never enforced. The pumping is showing a tendency to reduce the city's water supply and the request of the water board indicates that it may enforce the injunction.

The city has the title to this water, which lies in a gravel basin that extends under the ranches in the valley.

CHIEF GALLOWAY GOES NORTH

Chief of Police Galloway left this city last night for San Francisco, where he will attend the annual meeting of the state chiefs of police today. It is expected that some important business will be transacted.



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Those who have to eat an early breakfast before the stove is radiating heat can get immediate warmth from an oil heater, and then turn it off.

The girl who practices on the piano in a cold room in the morning can have warmth from an oil heater while she plays, and then turn it off.

The member of the family who has to walk the floor on a cold winter's night with a restless baby can get temporary heat with an oil heater, and then turn it off. The



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Expert Opinion of This Stock

A \$1,000,000 Bankruptcy in the Clothing Business

When the news was telegraphed throughout the world that the Ely Meyer and M. C. Simon Co. of Rochester, N. Y., had been forced into bankruptcy, with liabilities of about \$1,000,000, the general public outside of the clothing and men's haberdashery little realized the importance of this news. This firm was conceded by all to be the one manufacturer in the world who manufactured exclusively fine clothing—clothing that ranked as much finer than the so-called HIGH GRADE CLOTHING as what a Howard watch outclasses all other so-called American movements. In fact this firm had no competitors. When this firm was forced into bankruptcy it also caused the bankruptcy of the Galloway Co., 329 S. Spring St., of this city—whom they dealt almost exclusively in the Ely Meyer and M. C. Simon clothing. The Galloway stock was ordered sold by the Bankruptcy Court of Southern California at about 25 cents on the dollar, and this entire line of high grade clothing and the extra fine line of men's furnishings are now on sale at 1/3 to 1/2 of the Galloway's Street 229 St. You can now buy the best of the cheap grade suits at 1/3 to 1/2 of the original price.

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