

WELL SUBMIT AMENDMENTS Supervisors Comply With Petitions for Changing Provisions of the Charter AFFECT CITY EMPLOYEES

Create Half Holiday on Saturdays and Raise Pay Engineers Fire Department

The Board of Supervisors held a special meeting yesterday for the purpose of considering two petitions filed for the submission of charter amendments affecting municipal employees.

The first amendments to be considered were those petitioned for to give municipal employees a half holiday on Saturdays during their hours of service from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. and giving them two weeks' vacation with pay in each calendar year.

"We want the public to understand," said Brandenstein, "that these amendments will be submitted to the electors without the approval, express or implied, of the Board of Supervisors, but only to advise the constitution requires it under the conditions as they exist."

With that understanding each Supervisor of the fourteen present voted to submit the amendments.

Similar action was taken on the petition of the engineers of the Fire Department that their pay be increased to \$1680 yearly.

Brandenstein explained that the amendment conflicted with one already adopted, which increased among others the salaries of engineers to \$1470, but the board had no alternative but to submit the two opposing amendments to the voters.

The Mayor was authorized to sell at auction ten horses unfit for Fire Department use.

TO LIGHT CITY HALL. The City Hall dome was ordered to be illuminated from September 3 to September 10, it being understood that the Knights Templar committee will stand half the expense.

The petition of the pensioners that the pension of the Odd Fellows have the dome illuminated during their convention was referred to the Light Committee.

The petition of the Police Commission that charter amendments be submitted to the voters in the Police Department in the hands of the Police Commission, independent of civil service, was referred to the Amendment Committee.

The petition of property owners that the Pacific and Ferry Railway Company be granted a new street railway franchise on Union and other streets was referred to the Street Committee.

CANNOT RAISE PENSIONS. City Attorney Long filed an opinion in response to the board's request to the effect that the Fire Pension Fund Commissioners have no authority to increase the pensions of firemen claimants now receiving \$17.50 and \$22.50 per month to \$40 per month.

Grades were ordered changed on Manchester street and Quince alley and the roadway of Pacific avenue, between Octavia and Laguna streets, was fully accepted.

Body of Drowned Woman Recovered. "CHICO, Aug. 24.—A telegram received this morning by the father of Mrs. Rene Wright, who was drowned near St. Louis while canoeing on the Merrimac River, announced that her body had been recovered. The remains will be brought to Chico for interment.

GRAPE-NUTS. AS EASY. Needs Only a Little Thinking. The food of childhood often decides whether one is to grow up well nourished and healthy or weak and sickly from improper food.

It is just as easy to be one as the other provided we get a proper start. The principal food prescribed by a doctor, who knew about food, can accomplish wonders provided the patient is willing to help and eat only proper food.

Speaking of this case the mother said her little four-year-old boy was suffering from a peculiar derangement of the stomach, liver and kidneys and his feet became so swollen he couldn't take a step. "We called a doctor, who said at once we must be very careful as to his diet, as improper food was the only cause of his sickness. Sugar, especially, he forbid.

"So the doctor made up a diet and the principal food he prescribed was Grape-Nuts and the boy, who was very fond of sweet things, took the Grape-Nuts readily without adding any sugar. (Doctor explained that the sweet in Grape-Nuts is not at all like cane or beet sugar, but is the natural sweet of the grain.)

"We saw big improvement inside a few days and now Grape-Nuts are almost his only food and he is once more a healthy, happy, rosy-cheeked youngster with every prospect to grow up into a strong, healthy man."

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HE PARADES THE HAWAIIAN DISTURBS HER DREAMS

Mrs. Jennie Ballard Has Joseph Scharf Arrested for Routing Her Peace, and He Declares She Swindled Him Out of His Household Furniture

Mrs. Jennie Ballard requested Police Judge Cabanis to restrain Joseph Scharf, carpenter, from disturbing the peace of her domicile, 5313 Valencia street. She permits him and his 18-year-old son to board and lodge there, she avers, despite the fact that they have no money and no legal right of proprietary claim on the furniture.

This hallucination has led Mr. Scharf to rise from his bed at unseemly hours and parade the hallways, tumbling the door of her chamber and exploding indelicate language. The thing had become so bad, Mrs. Ballard said she desired to have it stopped by the law's strong hand.

Mr. Scharf pleaded that his claim on the furniture was no mere figment of a disordered brain. For seven years, he has been in the home with Mrs. Ballard and until January 3 last, when he installed her as housekeeper for himself and son, he considered her a woman of exemplary character.

"I was desee things Schoodge," said Mrs. Scharf, "dat made me mad ged. Ven I dry to sleep der trobble keep me awake, und den I walk der hallway in ter get minself asleep yet. Den she me in brison put so der I want der allow ter claim, wis min own."

Supplementing the foregoing plea was a charge that Mrs. Ballard, in furtherance of her plan to rid the house of the Scharfs, had put salt in the younger man's coffee and stolen \$5 from a pocket of the elder's pantaloons.

Mrs. Ballard, a comfortable looking matron, smiled derisively at Mr. Scharf, urged his defense and audibly expressed her hope that the court wouldn't allow itself to be gulled by such "stuff."

"If you insist that this woman has swindled you," said the Judge to the defendant, "you should proceed against her by civil action, but I cannot ignore her complaint that you disturbed her peace by your nocturnal wanderings and manning, I'll continue the case till August 31, and you will sell in your own benefit, that you keep away from her in the meantime."

George Stewart (colored) hotly contested the accusation of vagrancy filed against him by Patrolman Nelson, who beat cover the barbers' coat.

"This yall officah," said Stewart, "ain't agwine ter mean ter swear dat he sees me loafin' on Pacific street all de time. Showin' he must give me credit fer doin' a little sleep. De fact am, Jedge, dat der ain't no moah in de law, dat I would sleep in de street, but I am in de jail, I thumps a piano in one ob de dance halls. If dat ain't a gwine some as a wukker, I se'd like ter know what am."

"No, sah; I see a union babbah, an' doan break no union rules. On Sunday, I play baseball in Golden Gate Park, kase I needs de recreation."

"You certainly must need cessation from your interminable toil, Mr. Stewart, and when you reappear here tomorrow morning I'll prescribe a dose of rest-cure for you."

A more unlikely looking vagrant than Mo Kai never faced that charge in a police court, yet there it confronted him, written in black and white and pressed by no less an authority on the bench than Judge Conlan.

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Chinese Collecting Twelve Hundred Dollars Under Pretense of Paying Bribe

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ASYLUM BUTTER CONTRACT VOID

Judge Seawell Enjoins Managers of Napa Hospital From Favoring a Bidder

The action of the board of managers of the Napa Insane Asylum in awarding the contract for the supplying of butter for the institution to Wheaton, Pond & Harrold, when at least seven bidders had offered to furnish the stuff at a lower figure, is criticized by Superior Judge Seawell.

In passing upon the suit of the A. L. Lundy Company for an injunction, which he has had under submission for several days, Judge Seawell finds that the asylum managers exceeded their authority and he orders that they be restrained from letting the contract until they have investigated the responsibility of other and lower bidders.

The Lundy Company had formerly furnished butter and eggs to the asylum and was among the lower bidders whose bids were rejected. In the evidence taken in the trial of the case the asylum managers stated that Lundy's butter was rancid and his eggs bad.

The substance of Judge Seawell's written opinion is as follows: It is well settled that in determining the responsibility of bidders the board is not limited to pecuniary responsibility, but it is its duty to consider their integrity, skill and experience and facilities for carrying out the proposed contract.

The action which the board is empowered to exercise in awarding contracts for supplies is what is known as a sound legal discretion, which excludes arbitrary or capricious action. The court has no power to control such a discretion, nor compel the board to award a contract to a particular bidder, but they have power to restrain the abuse of that discretion.

In this case there were seven bidders upon the bid, and the board has no knowledge or information, and as to whose qualifications no inquiry or investigation was made.

The position taken by the managers was that the successful bidder had performed a contract satisfactorily the previous year and it was wiser to make the award to them even at higher prices. The court's opinion is that such a position has no support in the statutes, and that the board is bound to investigate the qualifications of other bidders, as to whom no investigation is made, and award the contract to the highest bidder, the persons first obtaining contracts can continue to get them indefinitely without fear of competition, and the mandatory requirements of the statutes are practically nullified.

The opinion declares that it is the duty of the board to make the investigation and one method is to call upon the bidders themselves to furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to fulfill the contract. In awarding the contract without investigating, while considered for the best interest of the hospital, the board had a mistaken view of its duty. Under its power to reject any and all bids the board could not arbitrarily reject any bid without inquiry or investigation as to the responsibility of the bidders.

Judgment is ordered restraining the defendants from entering into a contract with Wheaton, Pond & Harrold for supplying butter to the Napa State Hospital, unless, after proper investigation, the board shall determine that they are the lowest responsible bidders.

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