Visitors to the City Greatly Marvel at the Building Operations

Active Demand for Building Lots Feature of Real Estate Market for Week

Lincoln School Lot Is Leased for 35 Years to the Wise Company for Total Rental of $2,835,000

As might be expected there was little movement in real estate during the week, and the board catching the infection of the holiday fever held no meeting. All offices closed Wednesday, and several remained closed Thursday. It was not, however, all vacation for real estate men, as many have correspondents in the country and under their tutelage visitors were taken about the city and given an opportunity to see what had been accomplished in San Francisco during the last twenty months.

The fleet celebration could not have been better timed. Had it been two months earlier we would not have been able to show so marked an improvement, for it must be remembred that in the last few weeks several of our noblest buildings have been completed and in possession of tenants. The festivities have brought here many railroad officials of eastern lines, and their surprise is unbounded. One said he had read about the spirit of San Francisco, but in the minds of many transportation people there were misgivings as to our ability to entertain strangers in such large numbers, but he apologized for this by saying that the railroadman remarked:

"Well, you can't tell anything about Californians. They will entertain and have a good time and make everybody happy if they have only a tent and beans. You mark my words, they will surprise the people who go there, even if their city is less than two years old."

"His words have come true. In the east we are pulling down old buildings to make way for new, but you have done this. The visit of this fleet and the reception given its personnel mean more to you than you think. All these boys write, and the accounts they will give of your wonderful city will inflame the minds of hundreds to come here and share your prosperity. You will gain a thousand fold by your welcome."

FRIENDS FROM THE COUNTRY

San Francisco has been a glorious object lesson to our friends from the country. It is practically the first time many have been here since the fire and several merchants from the interior spent time in hunting up firms with whom they had been in the habit of doing business and reopening accounts. The week's celebration has had a stimulating effect on business, and merchants in all lines assert that last week's trading was good.

A new spirit seems to be pervading all classes of people and there is a more buoyant feeling in the community. In other words, we feel very much alive and capable of even greater efforts. It is this feeling which undoubtedly led to four enterprising firms making substantial bids for a thirty-five year lease of the Lincoln school lot, 275x275, at the southeast corner of Fifth and Market streets last Wednesday.

The bids are as follows: Wise realty company, $2,835,000; Murray F. Vandall, $2,417,000; John Trounson, $2,103,000; A. J. Rich & Co., $1,764,782.

CHARACTER OF BIDS

The bid of the Wise realty company averaged $3,780 per month for the first five years and $7,245 per month for the balance of the term. Vandall's bid averaged $3,220 for the first five years and $6,215 for the rest of the term. Trounson's offer was $4,000 per month for the first five years and $5,175 for 30 years. A. J. Rich & Co. considered the property only worth $2,350 per month for five years and $4,500 per month for 30 years. Vandall is supposed to have represented the syndicate which constructed the Pacific building. A. J. Rich & Co. had several large capitalists behind them and contemplated putting up a substantial building. The Wise realty company is composed of Maurice Rosenthal and several associates who have been conducting large lease transactions since the fire. Baldwin & Howell had organized a strong syndicate in which John Trounson, the builder and contractor, was interested, and in whose name the bid was made. The conditions of the lease are such that no portion of the lot can be improved with less than a four story building, which insures a substantial structure for the property, which will be a pleasing contrast to the old frame rookeries which were on the Market street frontage of the lot at the time of the fire.

The wisdom in adopting an amendment to the charter which permitted the leasing of school property for 35 years instead of 20 is apparent from the result of the bids obtained. A year ago the board of education advertised for bids for a 20 year lease and the only offer received was one of $4,050 per month. Notwithstanding the stringency of the money market and the somewhat depressed condition of real estate, the board of education has been able to obtain nearly $3,000 per month more for the property by increasing the length of the lease 15 years. The probability is that even a higher offer would have been obtained if a 50 year lease could have been had.

A. S. BALDWIN'S VIEWS

A. S. Baldwin, in discussing the bids, said:

"I think the offer of the Wise realty company is an excellent one, and the school department should be congratulated on receiving it. There is, of course, a margin of profit to the lessee, but no more than they are entitled to considering the responsibility attached to the proposition and the outlay involved. Our firm addressed a communication to the board of education in May, 1907, suggesting that the Lincoln school site be offered for lease in subdivisions instead of as a whole. We figured out that a rental of something over $8,000 per month could be obtained for the property by doing this, and I am satisfied it could be done. It would have been a decided advantage to merchants to have the property offered in this way, as it would have enabled a number of large retail concerns to obtain suitable locations without having to pay the middleman, but the offer of the Wise realty company seems to be so liberal that the board of education would probably not be justified in rejecting it, even if a somewhat higher figure might be obtained by subdividing the lot.

It is very gratifying to know that there were so many syndicates ready to invest a large amount of money on the leasehold, and it goes to show that the backbone of the real estate market is as strong as ever. It only requires, after all, a tempting bait to bring out a large amount of hidden capital. The improvement of the Lincoln school site will mean an investment of from $500,000 to $750,000 at least. We submitted through Trounson what we considered a fair offer for the property, but there were several bids which were higher than ours, and I only hope that the lessee will take the same pride in improving the property which we would have done.

A sale has been made of the property on the northwest corner of Waller and Octavia streets. This is a full fifty-vara lot, 137:6x137:6 feet, and has been sold for account of W. E. Dean by Messrs. Shainwald, Buckbee & Co. to the First Baptist Church of San Francisco. The price approximates something over $40,000, and Dean takes back in part payment for the property a lot belonging to the church on the north line of Eddy street, 162:6 feet west of Jones, 50x137:6 feet.

The church people intend to make this the location of their new home. It is a very sightly lot, conveniently located, and is practically on Market street, as Octavia, Waller and Market streets form a junction at this point, being the connecting link between the Western Addition and the Mission.

RECENT IMPORTANT SALES

Shainwald, Buckbee & Co. report the following sales:

Dr. A. C. Panton of Portland, Or., has sold the lot at the southeast corner of Broadway and Montgomery street, 60x77:6 feet, for $15,000, to J. S. Hermann, co-operating with Abrahamson Bros. & Co. in making the sale; at referee's auction sale Nos. 547-549 Hayes street and 448-450 Linden avenue, with lot 27:6x120 feet through to Linden avenue, sold for $17,500; Mrs. A. Taussig, lot and residence in south line of California street, 34:6 feet east of Buchanan, 24x137:6 feet, $8,000; Miss E. A. Leahy, lot in south line of Rivoli avenue, 152:5 feet west of Cole street, 26:2x125 feet, $1,600; estate of Margaret Banks, lot in south line of Washington street, 137:6 feet east of Hyde, 30x137:6 feet, terms private; Mrs. M. B. Jones, lot and improvements in east line of Second avenue, 225 feet south of Point Lobos, 25x120 feet, $5,000; G. B. Gilman, lot in north line of Highland avenue, 150 feet west of Mission street, 25x100 feet, $1,250; Bothin estate company, lot at northeast corner of Polk and Vallejo streets, 25x90 feet, $5,500; F. A. Lawson, lot in east line of Belvedere street, 296 feet north of Seventeenth, 28x124:7 feet, $2,000, cooperating with Madison & Burke; Spring estate company, lot at southeast corner of Lombard and Devisadero streets, 39:10x100 feet; $3,000; Lobenstein & Stern, lot in north line of Jackson street, 137:6 feet west of Jones, 32x137:6 feet, $5,600, to N. Bottner; Mrs. I. M. Cooper to Elizabeth C. Lacy, lot in north line of Union street, 125 feet east of Broderick, 90x137:6 feet, $14,500; A. G. Hansen, lot and improvements in east line of Twenty-seventh avenue, 100 feet south of West Clay street, 37:6x120 feet, $8,500; G. B. Gilman, lot in north line of Highland avenue, 125 feet west of Mission street, 25x100 feet, to William Zellerbach, $1,250; Mrs. L. M. Sage et al., lot in north line of Ninth avenue, 275 feet north of California street, 25x120 feet, to A. T. Morris, $1,900; A. H. G. Cooper to Amalie Walker, lot in west line of Seventh avenue, 225 feet north of B street, 25x120 feet, $1,750; N. M. Linekin to Katie Pirmer, lot in east line of Third avenue, 150 south of H street, 25x120 feet, $2,200; Spring estate company, lot in south line of Lombard street, 89:10 feet east of Devisadero, 25x100 feet, $1,300; O. G. Sage to Samuel Weinstein, lot and improvements in south line of Sutter street, 137:6 feet east of Devisadero, 55x137:6 feet, two houses of 13 rooms and bath each renting at $200 per month, $20,000.

LEASES CONSUMMATED

Landry C. Babin Co. report the consummation of the following leases during the week:

For Ella Dutell to Lewis G. Hill, store at 1369 Haight street, 3 years, $1,675; Charles Foster to W. P. Spencer, two upper stories at 39 Washington alley, 12 months, $4,200; William Emden to Lucien Borel, two story and basement brick building in north side Commercial street, 85 feet east of Dupont, 10 years, $30,000; William Emden to Ernest Chevalier, two story and basement brick building in north side of Commercial street, 65:9 east of Dupont, 10 years, $30,000; Charles Gregus and Ben Michaels to John Kramer, 2 stores at 613 and 615 Jackson street, 9 years, $24,300; Helene Shelby to Gee Chong, building at 421 and 425 Dupont street, 5 years, $4,500.

O. L. McMahon & Co. report the following sales and leases:

John Rehe to Tene Davis, six flats, five and six rooms each, at northwest corner Clayton and Waller streets, 25x96:10½ feet, $25,000; Addie C. Kratz to John Stierlen, unimproved lot at northwest corner Hugo street and Second avenue, frontage 57:6 feet on Hugo street by uniform depth of 95 feet on Second avenue, $7,000; Frank G. Andrews to Helen Walters, two flats, six rooms each, on south line Page street, 243:8 feet east of Masonic avenue, 25x137:6 feet, $10,250; D. Houle to J. W. Williams, five room cottage on west line of Thirty-fourth avenue, 125 feet north Point Lobos, 25x120 feet, terms private; F. Dudley Tait to Mrs. Lane Rhyne, apartment house (109 rooms) at southeast corner Larkin and Clay streets, five years, at total rental of $52,500; J. E. Lancaster and Grace L. Lancaster to Mary E. Curry, furnished lodging house, northeast corner Ellis and Jones streets, terms private.

DEMAND FOR BUILDING LOTS

Lyon & Hoag report an active demand for building lots in all sections of the city, the most prominent of which is at Bakers Beach at Thirty-second avenue, north of California street. The following is a list of sales during the last two weeks:

Bakers Beach land company to Frank Stone, lot in the westerly line of Thirty-second avenue, distant thereon 756 feet northerly from the northerly line of California street, size 50 by 78, irregular, price $3,500; Bakers Beach land company to Edwin Hunt, lot in the westerly line of Thirty-second avenue, distant thereon 560 feet northerly from the northerly line of California street, size 35 by 120, price $2,300; a client to Emma E. Worrell, lot 52, Bakers Beach land company, being in the westerly line of Thirty-second avenue, 219 feet N of California street, size 27 by 100, irregular, price $1,550; from a client to Emma E. Worrell, lot 44, Bakers Beach land company, situated at the northwest corner of California street and Thirty-second avenue, size 30 by 79, irregular, price $2,000; Charles Friedricks to Joseph F. Novitzsky, lot 29 in the Bakers Beach tract, located in the east line of Thirty-second avenue, 330 feet north of California street, size 30 by 120, price $2,250; a client to Alfred E. Rhodes, lot 28, in the Bakers Beach tract, in the east line of Thirty-second avenue, 360 feet north of California street, size 30 by 120, price $2,250; John Brickell company to Herbert Hewson, lot in the west line of Twenty-ninth avenue, 150 feet south of California street, size 25 by 120, price $1,150; John Brickell company to Everdine Limbaugh, lot in the west line of Twenty-ninth avenue, 75 feet south of California street, size 25 by 120, price $1,150; John Brickell company to E. Sewell, lot in the east line of Twenty-ninth avenue, 250 feet south of California street, size 25 by 120, price $1,150; John Brickell company to Thomas Miller, lot in the east line of Twenty-ninth avenue, 225 feet south of California street, size 25 by 120, price $1,150; John Brickell company to C. L. Coburn, lot in the west line of Twenty-ninth avenue, 25 feet south of California street, size 25 by 95, price $1,150; John Brickell company to Nettie M. Earl, lot in the west line of Twenty-ninth avenue, 175 feet south of California street, size 50 by 120, price $2,300; John Brickell company to Charles Martin, lot at the southwest corner of California street and Thirtieth avenue, size 32:6 by 100, price $2,250; John Brickell company to J. D. Farmer, lot in the west line of Twenty-eighth avenue, 75 feet south of California street, size 25 by 95, price $1,200; John Brickell company to Walter Garrick, lot in the west line of Twenty-eighth avenue, 150 feet south of California street, size 25 by 100, price $1,200; John Brickell company to Anna Mayers, lot in the west line of Twenty-eighth avenue, 50 feet south of California street, size 25 by 95, price $1,200; John Brickell company to C. Brederhoft, lot in the west line of Twenty-ninth avenue, 225 feet south of California street, size 50 by 120, price $2,300; John Brickell company to Ellen K. Sinclair, lot in the west line of Twenty-eighth avenue, 50 feet south of California street, size 25 by 95, price $1,150; Pope estate company to M. J. Turublad, lot at the southeast corner of Shrader street and Rivoli avenue, size 30 by 100, price $2,350; Pope estate company to J. Samuels, lot in the westerly line of Ashbury street, 50 feet north of Carmel, size 25 by 130, price $1,250; Pope estate company to P. J. Bascus, lot in the west line of Ashbury street, 25 feet south of Seventeenth, size 25 by 125, irregular, price $1,250; Pope estate company to L. M. Thorn, lot in the west line of Ashbury street, 100 feet south of Seventeenth, size 25 by 115, irregular, price $1,250; Pope estate company to G. Hurd, lot in the west line of Ashbury street, 75 feet north of Carmel, size 25 by 122, price $1,250; S. Sturgis to Klemm, lot in the east line of Shrader street, 25 feet north of Rivoli avenue, size 25 by 100, price $1,900; Pope estate company to L. A. Phillips, lot at the southwest corner of Ashbury and Seventeenth streets, size 27:5 by 107, irregular, price $2,100.

At Burlingame—Lyon & Hoag's subdivision of the town of Burlingame: Lot in the east line of Victoria road, 158 feet northerly from the northerly line of Peninsula avenue, size 50 by 120, price $500; the Howard estate company to the Burlingame water works, lot in the easterly line of Victoria road, 153 feet north of Howard avenue, size 50 by 120, price $550; Howard estate company to the Burlingame water works, lot in the northerly line of Howard avenue, 96 feet easterly from the easterly line of Victoria road, size 48 by 103, price $550.

D. Coffin & Co. report having taken 54 deposits during the month of April and closing a number of deals. Renting continues good, also inquiries for property for sale. Numerous inquiries are being received regarding Fair View terrace, as people are just beginning to realize what Fair View terrace really is.

SEEK PENINSULA HOMES

Boom at Tracts Along the Ocean Shore Railroad

Fleet week has caused a boom in property in the tracts along the Ocean Shore railroad, and all the districts of this section have had many visitors during the week. Scores of strangers from the interior of the state have taken advantage of sightseeing trips to the city to investigate the home properties along the coast south of the city, and activity in the market has been marked. Not only is homesite property along the Ocean Shore being investigated by prospective purchasers, but there has been an unusually heavy sale of Ocean Shore bonds.

Salada Beach is making its improvements steadily and rapidly.

Having done most of the foundation work in its many miles of service and water mains it is now putting in cement curbs, gutters and sidewalks and macadamized streets. The object of the company has been and is to get in the substantial work first and then to hasten the street work. When a street is curbed and topped off at Salada it means that sewer and water mains have also been laid.

The new $5,000 railway station is completed and will be occupied by a regular agent appointed by the Ocean Shore Railway.

Tomorrow the Siaplamat Indians will visit Brighton Beach in their specially chartered car. Brighton Beach has been the favorite outing spot for organizations of this character, and the promoters are doing much to foster outdoor sports in this section. The Siaplamat Indians have arranged a program of summer and other athletic contests. The demand for realty in this subdivision continues steadily. Much progress is being made in improvement work.

The excursionists who took the Ocean Shore railway special train to view the fleet obtained a fine view at Rockaway, where fireworks were displayed on Beach Hill point. The hill lies between the Calera and Pedro valleys and has a commanding view, which takes in the Farallon islands, Point San Pedro, West point, Mussel rock, the cliffs, Mount Tamalpais, Point Reyes and a wonderful sweep of the ocean.

A large construction company is grading for a track to the lime rock deposits. This will be a large enterprise employing upward of 200 men.

Surveying is in progress for contouring the hills, and a road is proposed across the peninsula to Millbrae. This is the only available direct route on account of the holdings of the Spring Valley Water Company. When completed this road will offer a diversion of routes for automobiles.

Many new lot owners have been added to the large list of purchasers, and the increase in population is bringing about a great deal of business activity.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Don A. Sutherland and wife to Gustave E. F. Moller, lot in N line of Cumberland street, 225 E of Dolores, E 25 by N 114; $10.

George A. Low and wife to George W. Brooks, lot in SE line of Mission street, 150:4 NE of Second, NE 24:8, SE 80, NE 25, SE 50, SW 58:8, NW 80, NE 9, NW 80; $10.

Bertha S. Schrieber to Charles A. Hall, lot in E line of Fifth avenue, 100 S of I, S 25 by E 120; $10.

Isabella Hughes to David Hughes, lot at SE corner of Broad and Capitol streets, E 20 by S 125, and 7 other pieces; grant.

Jacob Heyman to Alber W. Gans, lot in W line of Forty-fourth avenue, 725 N, N 25 by W 120; $10.

Bay District Land Company to Charles E. Doty, lot in N line of Fifth avenue, N of C, N 25 by W 95; $10.

Michael Griffin and wife to C. E. Doty, lot in N line of Clay street, 160:6 E of Larkin, E 19 by N 80; $10.

Parkside Realty Company to Niels Iversen, lot in W line of Twenty-third street, 100 N of U, N 50 by W 120; $10.

Mathias Meyer and wife to Sophie Friedman, lot in W line of Broderick street, 35 S of Green, S 30 by W 100; $10.

James W. Ryan and wife to Minnie Hulsman, lot in W line of Twenty-fifth avenue, 50 N of A, N 25 by W 100; $10.

Jacob Heyman company to John C. Kaighin and wife, lot in E line of Third avenue, 35 S of Hugo street, S 25 by E 95; $10.

John C. Kaighin and wife to Bridget F. Meaney, same; $10.

A. W. Wilson and wife to Thomas J. Kearney, lot in W line of First avenue, 75 S of C street, S 25 by W 104; $10.

Ann Sheppard estate company to W. F. Gunn, lot in S line of Filbert street, 162:8 E of Fillmore, E 24 by S 137:6; $10.

Samuel S. Fellows and wife to Nancy J. Stearns et al., lot in N line of Union street, 202:11 W of Baker, N 100, W 149, S 100:2¼, E 156:4; $10.

Frederick C. Morgan and wife to J. S. Morgan & Sons, lot in SE line of Mission street, 75 NE of Sixth, NE 50 by SE 80; $10.

Angelo Figone to Angela Figone, lot in S line of Filbert street, 51:10¾ E of Mason, E 23:1¼ by S 53:6; gift.

Leopold Weinstein and wife to Clarence Loveberry, lot in E line of Girard street, 100 S of Ordway, S 50 by E 120; $10.

Coliseum company to Martin F. Welch, lot in W line of Eleventh avenue, 125 S of C street, S 25 by W 120; $10.

Henry Northrup to Annie R. Fetter, lot in E line of Ashbury street, 185:9 S of Seventeenth, E 113:57, S 25, W 107:38, N 25:9; $10.

John Silvey et al. to Mercedes B. Silvey, lot in E line of Forty-seventh avenue, 250 N of I street, N 25 by E 120; $400.

Mercedes B. Silvey to Sol Getz & Sons, same; $10.

Bessie McFadden to Samuel McFadden, lot in N line of Haight street, 71:10½ E of Baker, E 50 by N 110; grant.

Leopold and Sarah Weinstein to Thomas E. Fogelsang, lot in SE line of Vienna street, 300 SW of India avenue, SW 25 by SE 100; $10.

Arthur W. Morgenstern to Alfred W. Morgenstern, lot in S line of Stanley street, 50 E of Victoria, E 50 by S 100; $10.

Linda McDougall to Hugh E. Haffey, lot 225, Holliday map A; $10.

J. W. Wright & Sons' investment company to American land and trust company, lot at NE corner of L street and Twenty-sixth avenue, N 600 by E 240; $10.

Alfred Gray to Ambrose Foster, lot at NW corner of Twenty-third avenue and J street, W 57:6 by N 100; $1,000.

Ferdinand Kling to Christine Kling, lot in SE line of Prague street, 200 SW of Brazil avenue, SW 50 by SE 100; $10.

Hind estate company to Esther Harshall, lot in N line of Pine street, 223:5¾ W of Pierce, W 51:6¾ by N 137:6; $10.

Building Contracts

Hans A. Scharowsky with John Hakanson—All except gas and electric fixtures and two mantels for two story frame building in E line of Seventh avenue, 150 S of California street, E 120 by S 25; $3,755.

Henry B. Stanton with I. H. Meek—Furniture and fixtures for a new branch postoffice near Eighteenth and Diamond streets; $2,270.

Ferdinand C. and Frederick W. Schultz with Lavannay & Molloy—All work for two story residence in E line of Belvedere street, 121:1½ S of Parnassus avenue, S 28 by E 124:7½; $3,530.

James A. McCullough with Walton & Lundin—Graining, varnishing, etc., for three story frame at NW corner of Central avenue and Haight street, N 50 by W 93:9; $1,450.

W. F. Vandewater with Mager Bros.—All work for three story frame in E line of Bryant street, 185 N of Twenty-second, 25x100; $6,723.

April 20, 1908, John A. Roebling's Sons' company with Watson roof company, contractors, Sutton & Weeks—Flooring and roofing for five story and basement warehouse at N corner of Hawthorne and Folsom streets, NW 150 by NE 112:6; $16,688.

Katie Brooks with Heckenroth & Schell—All work for three story frame in E line of Larkin street, 62:6 N of Pine street, N 25 by E 87:6; $8,531.

George Scott with Richard Fahy—All work for two story frame in N line of Parnassus avenue, 112:0¾ N of Fourth avenue, N 125, E 25, S 115:8, SE 26:0¾; $6,400.

STRIKES HIS SICK WIFE

A warrant was issued by Police Judge Shortall yesterday for the arrest of Colin Campbell, an official of the carmen's union, on a charge of battery. The complaining witness is his wife, who said she had been ill in bed for weeks and had been able to get out of bed for the first time yesterday morning. Her husband, she said, demanded money from her and because she refused struck her several times on the face and body. The judge fixed Campbell's bonds at $1,000.

FALLS AMONG THIEVES

Thomas Kimball, an electrician on a steamer, was taken to a room in Pacific street Wednesday night by a man and woman and robbed of $30. Policemen Boland and J. Sullivan arrested Ethel Clark and William Henry, well known thieves, and yesterday they were identified by Kimball and charged with grand larceny.

ATTACKS VALIDITY OF BILLBOARD LIMIT

Attorney for Advertising Agents Objects to Ordinances of Restriction

Judge Seawell Says That Signs Should Not Be Permitted to Shock the Eye

The validity of the billboard ordinances adopted b ythe supervisors in 1902 and 1903 was argued before Judge Seawell yesterday on a suit instituted by the Schroeder-Herzog company, advertising agents, for an injunction restraining the police and board of works from preventing the erection of boardings higher than 10 feet. Under the ordinances, the constitutionality of which was attacked, it is a misdemeanor to build a fence of inflammable material within 10 feet of the inner line of the sidewalk, or to build or maintain any billboard more than 10 feet in height. In defiance of the ordinances the advertising company began the erection of several billboards of a height of about 20 feet, but was stopped by the police.

Attorney A. S. Newburgh, who is associated with John T. Williams as counsel for the advertising company, contended that the prohibition of billboards higher than 10 feet was wholly arbitrary, unreasonable and discriminatory. He claimed that the ordinances are not in furtherance of public health, public morals, or the common public good, and therefore are void. It could not be asserted, he said, that it was any safer to have a wooden fence 10 feet back from the sidewalk than level with the sidewalk; therefore, there was an ulterior purpose in the ordinance.

"It is an element of weakness in this kind of legislation," observed Judge Seawell, "that it is evidently designed for some purpose not expressed. I believe in coming right out and stating that a thing is prohibited because it is offensive to the eye if it is offensive to the eye. Why not? Things offensive to the ear are prohibited. I believe the community is becoming more artistic and that things that offend the eye will be prohibited."

Newburgh suggested that it would require an official who was a physician, a lawyer and a poet to decide what should be prohibited, but he disclaimed any idea of putting new burdens on Mayor Taylor's shoulders.

Assistant District Attorney Robert W. Harrison had begun his argument in favor of the validity of the ordinances, contending that the supervisors were the best judges of whether or not the methods adopted by them to reach a particular end were or were not reasonable, when further hearing of the matter was postponed to Tuesday afternoon.

GIRL WITH RELIGIOUS MANIA KILLS HERSELF

Young Nurse Added to Long List of Those Who Find Poison Easy to Obtain

Josephine Webber, an 18 year old and orphaned nursegirl, killed herself yesterday afternoon by drinking carbolic acid at the home of her only relative, an aunt, Mrs. J. Westbrook of 2780 Twenty-first street. The girl had recently come from San Jose, where she had been working among strangers. She secured the poison during an hour's absence at noon yesterday, and, though Dr. J. W. Gunn worked long over her, she never recovered consciousness after taking the drug. Her aunt said the girl was affected with a religious mania, which she believed drove the suicide to her rash act.

DRINKS POISON IN PRESENCE OF WIFE

Attempts Self-Destruction Because Woman Had Refused to Live With Him

Louis Regli, a laborer living in the Mission, whose wife went home to her mother, Mrs. Mazee of 108 Wolf street, last Saturday, after a family quarrel, followed her to her mother's house yesterday and besought her to return to him. After her refusal he secured a bottle of carbolic acid and drank it in her presence. The man was taken to the central emergency hospital, where he was pumped out and later pronounced out of danger.

NATIVE SONS WILL MOVE

The grand secretary of the Native Sons of the Golden West has been notified that expiration of the lease the building at Gough and Geary streets, where the office of the grand parlor and the library are located, will have to be vacated. The reason for this notice is that after July 1 the building is to be removed, also the one adjacent, which was the storehouse of the relief committee. The office of the grand parlor will be in the Delbert block, corner of Van Ness avenue and O'Farrell street.

COOK DISMISSES WRIT

The writ of habeas corpus obtained for the release of Thomas Nelson and Walter J. Harvey, arrested on suspicion Monday and held without any charge being preferred against them, was dismissed by Judge Cook yesterday for want of prosecution. The two men had been liberated by the police.

SENTENCED TO PRISON

Frank McMullen and William Brown, who pleaded guilty to grand larceny, were each sentenced to one year in prison by Judge Cook yesterday. Charles Martinelli, a young man who had pleaded guilty to two charges of embezzlement, was admitted to probation for four years.

SOLDIERS QUENCH THIRST

Three soldiers stole a keg of beer from a brewery wagon at Union and Fillmore streets Thursday evening, put it on a Union street car and took it to the Presidio. They were seen by a citizen, who notified Policeman C. Brosnan, who could not get any trace of the keg or the thieves.

Change of Time.

The Northwestern Pacific will put into effect Saturday, May 9, its summer schedule. Leave San Francisco daily, 7:35 a. m., for Sherwood and way stations; 8 a. m. for Guerneville, Camp Vacation and River Landing; 9 a. m. for Glen Ellen; 11 a. m. for Santa Rosa; 3:30 p. m. for Ukiah; 5:10 p. m. for Santa Rosa; 5:30 p. m. for Glen Ellen. Via Sausalito the schedule will be 8:15 a. m. and 2:45 p. m. daily for Cazadero and 5:15 p. m. week days to Point Reyes. Extra trip on Sundays at 9:45 a. m. for Point Reyes

SUPERVISORS HEAR APPEALS FOR CASH

County Clerk Asks for Deputies and Copyists to Handle Increased Work

Fire Department Appeals for New Apparatus and Increase in Salary Roll

County Clerk Mulcrevy appeared before the finance committee of the supervisors yesterday to urge that provision be made in the next budget for four more deputies and 10 additional copyists to handle the increased work in the office. Mulcrevy explained that about 25,000 suits to establish titles will be brought under the McEnerney act and that unless he is given more clerical help the office will be unable to keep up with the business. He said that the banks have many of these suits ready for filing, but are holding them back until more help is given to the office.

The committee took the petition under advisement.

James J. Maher, chief examiner of the civil service commission, asked for and was allowed the services of an additional clerk for three months and $9,500 for statutory salaries.

ALLOWS SHERIFF GUARDS

Sheriff L. J. Dolan will be allowed an additional appropriation to pay for the services of four extra road guards to watch over the persons who will be employed on the work of repairing the streets and lanes contiguous to the county jail on the old house of refuge lot. The committee also will recommend an allowance of $41,000 for the subsistence of the prisoners—the same amount allowed this year.

Commissioners McCoy, Astredo, Peixotto and Mrs. Lovell White of the playgrounds commission asked that $53,000 be set aside for the improvement of playgrounds in the districts north and south of Market street.

Commissioner Astredo said that the money would be wisely expended, for if the children are kept off the streets there is less possibility of their becoming menaces to society. He added that the records showed that the majority of juvenile offenders came from the districts where there are no playgrounds for children.

Supervisors Murphy and Jennings promised to give the application full consideration when they are preparing their report.

VOTING MACHINE QUESTION

The amount of the appropriation for the election commissioners will depend on whether or not voting machines are to be used at the next election. If machines are decided upon, the city will save $12,000 in clerk hire.

Registrar Zemansky and Election Commissioners Maguire and Cator addressed the committee, but did not commit themselves on the machine question. The city at present owns fifty-two voting machines and would have to either rent or purchase at least 100 more if it is decided to use them at the fall election. The manufacturers are working on several improvements, and it is doubtful if they could have the requisite number of the improved machines ready on time.

The committee will not decide on what course to pursue until after a more thorough investigation.

ASKS FIRE APPARATUS

It was tentatively agreed to allow the fire department $1,190,000 for salaries and $212,200 for new apparatus and repairs.

Fire Chief Shaughnessy and Commissioners Faymonville, Delaney and McCarthy asked that provision be made for five extra engine companies, two chemical engines and two trucks, which would increase the salary roll $132,690, in addition to the $220,000 increase provided for by the charter amendments adopted last fall. The new engine companies, if allowed, will be asigned to the outlying districts that have grown rapidly since the disaster.

Chief Shaughnessy said that truck companies are required in the vicinity of lower Pacific street and O'Farrell street, near Market, to afford ample protection in the business district.

Murphy and Jennings expressed themselves in favor of strengthening the department in every possible way and promised to give careful consideration to the application.

The committee will meet again this morning to consider the estimate furnished by the board of public works.

Personal Mention

Admiral M. Miller of Berkeley is at the Colonial.

J. Devlin and W. B. Hanna of Chicago are at the Audubon.

W. P. O'Meara, a mining man of Tonopah, is at the St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Sadleir of Reno are guests at the St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Peasley of Los Angeles are at the St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Connell of Chicago are registered at the St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick Kohl of San Mateo are guests at the Fairmont.

James E. Fenton of Rawhide and C. E. Conklin of Iowa are at the Von Dorn.

Mrs. Isidore Dockweiler of Los Angeles is among the arrivals at the Fairmont.

Among recent arrivals at the Dale are F. H. Sisson of Fresno and L. Roth of Stockton.

Comtesse de Tristan and Miss De Guine of San Mateo have apartments at the Fairmont.

Miss Herman Hoopes and Miss Hoopes of Philadelphia have apartments at the Fairmont.

L. Anderson, Miss Anderson and Miss Powell of Mare Island make up a party staying at the Fairmont.

Ira R. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hutchinson and Miss C. M. Smith of Fresno have apartments at the St. Francis.

L. P. Doerhoefer and wife of Louisville, Ky., and R. A. Moore of Waterbury, Conn., are at the Hamlin.

BREAKS GLASS IN DOOR

Attorney John Kenny broke the glass in the door of Police Judge Shortall's courtroom yesterday morning with a broom handle just before court assembled. He was arrested by Bailiff Minehan on a charge of being drunk in a public place and the judge fixed his bonds at $1,000.

ASKS LEGAL SEPARATION

Charles G. Kuhlman sued his wife, Frances, for divorce yesterday on the ground of desertion. They were married in January, 1906, and have no children.

Gossip of the Railwaymen

He is a thrifty young man and had taken the Owl to Fresno. There was an accident at Mendota, and in the disaster his new hat received a large and ugly dent. All the stores in the Raisin City were closed, and he had to obtrude his person to the gaze of the esthetic residents of that city with a misshapen hat all Sunday.

His mortification was extreme, and he intimates that the hat was the cause of his not becoming, through an aliance, the owner of a large vineyard, a noble mansion and several outhouses, all in good repair.

He first called on the claims department of the Southern Pacific for damages for his hat. It was explained to him, however, that a hat when worn did not come under the classification of freight, unless boxed or crated. He was referred to the passenger department and John Ross, after deliberating on this question for two weeks, decided that as it was not human he could secure redress only from the claims department.

"I want damages for my hat," insisted the man, "and compensation for my wounded feelings, and the claims department has refused the first demand.

"That," replied John Ross, judicially, "gives a different aspect to the case. If it is alleviation for mental complication I will consult C. W. Durbrow. Come back in about a week."

He returned and John Ross said:

"You had better sue the company in the justice's court, and, of course, we will fight it. If we get beaten we will carry it to the higher court, then to the supreme court, and in case we are beaten again we will carry it to the supreme court of the United States. In about 15 years we will get a decision and you will be out about $1,500."

"And it has taken me six months to learn this," said the amazed man.

"That's the best I can do," answered John Ross, humbly.

"Young man," he said solemnly, "don't ever quit the railroad service. A person with a disposition as accommodating as yours, and so fertile a genius, must eventually rise to be a railroad president. Harriman has a treasure in you."

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In the light of Paul Morton's repeated denials of the statement made in these columns that he was going back to the Santa Fe, his election as a director of that corporation seems certainly queer. The assertion that was made in The Call that he was slated for president is more than ever firmly believed, and this is strengthened by the statements of railroadmen from the east, who say that at the eastern end of the Santa Fe it is rumored that at the June election Morton will be elected president.

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H. R. Judah, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who has been ill for the last few weeks, has sufficiently recovered to be about. He has about closed the negotiations for the sale of his country place, Aldercroft, in the Santa Cruz mountains, to Richard Tully, who married Eleanor Gates. The Tullys have already one place in the Santa Cruz mountains.

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The association of traffic agents held the first of its series of dances at Golden Gate hall last night, which was a decided success. About 300 couples were in the hall and at midnight the party adjourned to a neighboring cafe, where there was an informal jinks.

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The chief engineer's office of the Western Pacific reports that the track is now 49 miles from Oakland and the gap between Marysville and Sacramento has been reduced 26 miles. Track laying has been recommenced from Oroville east and is now one and a half miles from Bear creek.

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W. L. Greiner, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Colorado Midland, with headquarters at Salt Lake city, is in the city on a visit.

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D. T. McCabe, fourth vice president of the Pennsylvania company, is expected in the city early next week.

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C. W. Stenger, city ticket agent of the Harriman lines in Portland, is visiting the city.

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F. M. Saunders, agent of the Star-Union line in Los Angeles, is here.

TRUST DEFEATED BY ELECTION OF WIDOW

Judge Coffey Holds Will Invalidated by Choice to Take Community Share

The trust created by the will of Simon Silverberg, who died in 1905, aged 72, leaving an estate now worth about $500,000, was declared invalid by Judge Coffey yesterday. Silverberg was survived by his wife, M. Jeannette, and by his children, Joseph S. Silverberg, Arthur Silverberg, Melville Silverberg, Irwin Silverberg, Mrs. Leonora Schweitzer, Mrs. Nettie Mack and Mrs. Sarah Miner. By the trust the widow of the decedent was to get an income of $500 a month, and at her death the children, with the exception of Mrs. Miner, were to divide the property, share and share alike. As to Mrs. Miner it was provided that she should receive the income from her portion until her death. Her children were to share equally in her portion after her death, each taking his or her share upon reaching the age of 30.

This trust was built upon the assumption that the widow of Simon Silverberg would not take her community property from the estate, amounting to one-half, but Mrs. Silverberg elected to take her community, and Judge Coffey decided that in consequence the entire trust is invalid and must fall. This interpretation was given upon a petition from the executors to have him construe the will. The effect is that about $250,000 goes to the widow and the remainder of the estate will be equally distributed among the children.

GRABS COIN FROM HAND

J. H. O'Hara, drayman, 449 Clementina street, obtained a warrant from Police Judge Cabaniss yesterday afternoon for the arrest of Matt Smith, who he says is a foreman in the street sweeping department, on a charge of grand larceny. O'Hara said he went into a saloon at Sixth and Folsom streets yesterday morning to buy some seltzer water and took a $20 gold piece out of his purse. Smith was in the saloon and snatched the gold piece out of his hand. Smith ran out of the saloon and O'Hara lost sight of him, but learned that he had changed the gold piece in another saloon. O'Hara reported the matter at police headquarters and was advised to obtain the warrant.

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