

SEEKS TO WHEEL THE SIERRA PROJECT

Cleaner creeks would render it impossible for the city to make use of the cherry creek waters as contemplated in the present plan.

AS STATED BY HALL

Here is a portion of the statement issued yesterday by Hall:

"We are desirous to sell to the city that which does not form a part of its water supply project and which can not economically be made part thereof."

CLAIMS POWER RIGHTS

"We have a great enterprise which we are carrying out. The city can have all of it which is necessary for its water supply project, and, in fact, the Lake Eleanor reservoir and could make ample power for the delivery of it and distribution of its waters in the city without buying from us and paying for a power project."

INCLINED TO FIGHT

What the effect of Hall's obstructive tactics will be can not be determined at this date. Hall displayed yesterday something of an inclination to fight, but the board of supervisors thinks he is merely bluffing.

HALL'S SCHEME IMPOSSIBLE

A further feature of Hall's proposal which renders its acceptance impossible lies in the fact that by developing the water the city would incur an enormous expense, which would practically be ready to hand for power system for Hall and his friends.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED UNDER PINES

Erskine Richardson and Miss Gladys Postley were wedded October 31, 1906.

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TELEPHONE KEARNY 86 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1908

WEATHER CONDITIONS YESTERDAY—Partly cloudy; west wind; maximum temperature, 69; minimum, 54.

EDITORIAL Dreadnoughts for everybody. The hall's program. Jewels and willows. The spellbinders and the dodo.

POLITICS Hearst and Bryan accuse each other of making false statements. Bryan pleads for support of farmers and miners in speeches at Cumberland, Md.

CITY Opposition of the big power companies to development of a Sierra water supply reflected in the conditions named by William H. Hall in his offer to sell Lake Eleanor lands to the city.

REVEREND CARABER, pastor of St. Francis church, scores Police Commissioner Kell for giving lewdness and obscenity wide scope in city and will fight attempt to open "red collum" opposite the holy edifice.

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POISON ENDS LIFE OF E. RICHARDSON

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And in seeming confirmation of these whispers there is the wife's letter. Richardson failed to appear at his place of business yesterday and his absence, coupled with the suspicion of Ralston that his partner had carried an implied threat of suicide into execution, prompted his partner to call at the St. Xavier yesterday afternoon.

Richardson found the door of the apartment locked. He summoned Bogue and his employees, and after a short consultation one of the bellboys entered the apartment through a transom opening into the hall. When the bellboy opened the door Richardson saw his associate dead in bed, his lips frothy, a glass with drops of dissolved cyanide of potassium on a chair close by, on a window seat an opened can of the lethal poison.

In the room was a message telling the cause for the deed—was one, and that had not been meant to convey such tidings. It was a torn up letter, heaped in an upper bureau drawer. When the coroner's deputy, who was summoned at once, took the body away, he took the letter, too. At the morgue its fragments were pieced together. Those of the envelope contained the address of Mrs. Richardson's mother. Those of the note read:

Thursday, Sept. 10. My Darling Polly: Certainly the gods don't smile on me. Whatever the results are, I am coming to you, and what's more, I'm never coming back here.

Not a word of this to any one, not even the sire. I've tried my best to brave it out, but it's beyond me. I have not informed Erskine of my departure, but shall tonight. I dread it and am frightened, but it has to be done. My plan is to write him the truth when I get down there. You wrote me such a sweet letter and I fully realize I am fortunate in having you. There are many complications and I'm afraid you'll have to put up with a god deal. Don't worry. I'll wire you just before leaving.

I love you. Mrs. Richardson was the letter's writer. Of her, and of her husband, the proprietor and the employees of the St. Xavier told last night. Their story bore out the pathetic lines of the note.

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attracted the attention of employees. He was in somber, deadly earnest with his affection. She was very cold.

WOMAN VISITED MRS. RICHARDSON

The pair were almost always at home in their rooms in the evenings. They received no company together. But occasionally a woman came in during the daytime. As a rule, this woman—the woman who entered the house with Mrs. Richardson Friday morning, came with her hostess. Once or twice she did not, and on these occasions she inquired whether Richardson was at home.

Friday noon, while Mrs. Richardson and the two women were in the room where the tragedy afterward took place, a man came to the elevator and asked to be taken to the Richardson apartments. From his actions it was clear that he had never been at the rooms before. He left before the three women went away. Who this man was could not be learned. That Richardson had cyanide of potassium in his room was also learned. He is said to have used it in photography.

Friday morning, after having her Japanese servant pack her trunks, Mrs. Richardson discharged him. The servant told the employees of the St. Xavier that his mistress was about to leave and that he had been given money to go east for three weeks.

Peculiar among the lines of the note are those which refer to "complications" in the said affair—and to the fear that the mother would "have to put up with much."

That Mrs. Richardson was seldom with her husband when she left the hotel is the story of the attaches of the place. That her conduct was always scrupulously in accordance with conventionalities was stated by all of them. The only hint of any feeling for any one save her husband is that suggested by the part of the letter which is cited. The identity of the man who called at the apartments just prior to Mrs. Richardson's departure is not known, but he is described as being apparently a man of position in life, handsome, tall and dark.

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trouble," said Mrs. Postley, "and so was his father before him. He used to take cyanide whenever an attack came on, and I am sure his death must have been from an overdose."

POOR HEALTH CAUSE OF SUICIDE, SAYS RALSTON

Business Associate of Dead Man Denies Family Trouble Fought in Richardson's Death

H. J. Ralston, president of the Ralston iron works, of which Richardson was secretary, denied strenuously, when seen last night at his home, 2306 Scott street, that family troubles had led to his business associate to commit suicide. He was firm in his belief that Richardson killed himself because of a physical weakness, having learned two weeks ago when examined by a doctor that he had a weak heart.

"On the day," said Ralston, "that Richardson failed to pass the doctor's examination for life insurance he came to the office, showing in his manner that he was suffering mentally. He called me into the private office, closed and locked the door, and told me that the doctor had told him he could live but a short time on account of his weak heart. He told me that his father had died from heart disease, shortly after learning of his weakness."

"Richardson went on to say that he would not take an active part in the business any more, intending to spend much time exercising in the country. That all happened two weeks ago. Since then he has been greatly depressed and spoke often of his heart."

"My wife and I were accustomed to call on the Richardson, and from what I saw in their home I would say they were an exceptionally happy couple. Mrs. Richardson often called up the office by telephone with her few days ago over the phone. She told me at that time she was not feeling well and intended visiting her mother in Santa Barbara in the hope of the change and rest restoring her. I presumed at the time her ill health was due to her husband's condition."

"Richardson had no financial troubles, being a very rich man in his own name. He had gone on the bond of A. Ruef for \$40,000, but that had nothing to do with his troubled mind. He did not know Ruef personally, having gone on the bond through the influence of a mutual friend. Richardson was probably worth \$250,000, owning a third interest in the iron works."

VETERAN MINSTREL MAN STRICKEN BOISE, Ida., Sept. 12.—Hi Henry, the veteran minstrelman, well known throughout the country, lies at his home at Horseshoe Bend, 25 miles from here, in a critical condition from a palsy. He has been steadily growing worse, and practically all hope for his recovery has been abandoned. Henry is heavily interested in mining property in southwestern Idaho.

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