

PRIVATE FUNDS TO BUILD CITY HALL

Real Estate Board Gets Pledge of \$7,000,000 Capital for New Structure

A. J. Rich Prepares Scheme Which Will Be Presented to the Supervisors

A plan by which a new city hall could be built without putting the city under a heavy bonded indebtedness was laid before the real estate board at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon by A. J. Rich, chairman of a committee appointed to solve the problem of department accommodations.

Rich explained that the committee had been able to secure a promise of private capital which would obviate the necessity of issuing bonds to the extent of \$7,000,000 and had solved the problem of housing the city departments during the construction of the city hall.

Rich said that this plan to build a city hall on municipal property and rent to the city could be consummated before the matter of a bond issue could be arranged.

The architect's plan presented by Rich provided for an immense auditorium, as large as any in the country. The plan proposed the tearing down of the old city hall and utilizing the foundations.

J. E. Howell read the report of the committee on extending fire limits, which will be presented to the fire commissioners today. It proposed to extend the westerly line of the present fire limit from the center of Van Ness avenue to the center of Franklin street.

Amendments to the constitution of the board were passed and an important measure adopted by the establishment of an appraisal committee to act as an official board of appraisers similar to that in other cities.

Decorated Cars Will Carry Bands

Market Street to Become Magnificent Boulevard on New Year's Eve

Market street will be converted into a magnificent boulevard New Year's eve. The United Railroads informed the committee of the Downtown association at its meeting in the Hotel Stewart yesterday that all of the cars would be withdrawn from that thoroughfare between the hours of 7 and 12 o'clock December 31.

More than 150 musicians have already been secured to play inspiring airs. That the music will be strictly high class is assured by the employment of Paul Steindorf, who will have charge of all the bands.

The Merchants' association has endorsed the plans of the celebration committee and has called upon its members to boost the affair.

Colonel J. G. Kirkpatrick has promised to decorate the Hotel Fairmont on that evening on a most elaborate scale. Thousands of varied colored electric lights will be strung from roof to basement.

The Chinese consul general, Hsu Ping Ching, assisted by K. O'Yang, vice consul general; Chow Fong Chow, president of the Yung Wo association; Jov Doong Tain, ex-president of the Ning Cheng association, and Louk Tin Eui, secretary of the chamber of commerce and a prominent merchant, are interested in the celebration and doing all in their power to make it a success.

Those who decorate the Hotel Fairmont yesterday were: Paul T. Carroll, chairman of the New Year's eve celebration committee; Robert Ross, John Hamner-Smith, A. G. McCarthy and W. D. Fennimore.

Late Shipping Intelligence

HONOLULU—Arrived Dec 9—Bark St. Katherine, Dec 9—Power schooner Hiram Bingham, for

BY UNITED WIRELESS

Star Colonel E. L. Drake, from Seattle for Port San Luis, 9 p. m., Dec 9, off Cape Mearns.

Star Santa Clara, from Seattle, for Cordova, 9 p. m., Dec 9, off Cape Mudge; 10:30 a. m., going through Seymour narrows; all well; weather clear.

Star Yacarta, from Cordova for Seattle, 1:15 a. m., Dec 9, off Cape Cook; due at Seattle Dec 10, 12 noon.

Star Flattery—Passed in Dec 9—Three masted barkentine; star Columbine; bktn Labina, from Keeling, for Port Townsend.

Star Santa Clara, from Seattle, for San Pedro; star Missoiria, from Seattle, for San Francisco.

Selah Club Gives Enjoyable Dance



Flashlight taken at semiannual dance of the Selah club, showing P. C. Hale and Miss Etta Lynch leading grand march.

EMPLOYEES OF HALE CALHOUN'S STOCKS BROTHERS AT BALL TAKE UPWARD TURN

One Hundred Couples Attend the Semiannual Dance at Golden Gate Hall

The semi annual dance of the Selah club took place last night and proved one of the most enjoyable that the society has given. The club is composed of the employees of Hale Bros and has taken a prominent place in the social life of the city.

Pretty gowns were much in evidence. Miss Etta Lynch, the president of the club, wore a gown of white cloth, made in Empire style, trimmed with white lace.

Miss E. Nolan was most becomingly gowned in white cloth with corsage of white lace.

Miss M. Michel wore cream white silk. Miss M. Rose was attired in black lace and red crush roses.

Miss S. Miller wore white messaline with braids of gold.

Miss A. Whelan was in white lace with pink roses.

Mrs. Marshall Hale wore an imported directoire gown of pale grey chiffon spangled with pearls and diamonds.

Mrs. P. C. Hale wore a lovely creation of cream crepe decked with dainty pink roses.

W. C. Galbraith was floor manager. His assistants were F. A. Dodge, Don Ryan, R. C. Palmer and C. W. Moore.

Following is a list of the officers: Miss E. Lynch, president; Miss E. Nolan, vice president; Miss M. Michel, treasurer; Miss M. Buck, secretary.

The reception committee was as follows: Miss J. Cronan, Miss A. Morgan; Miss S. Cohen, Miss S. McDonald; Miss S. Broben, Miss R. Meyer; Miss E. Drisch, Miss M. Quirk; Miss M. Foley, Miss S. Raphael; Miss G. G. Harris, Miss M. Stender; Miss Grace Harris, Miss M. Springer; Miss E. Hill, Miss E. Sears; Miss J. Hill, Mrs. D. Seary; Miss K. Keefe, Mrs. W. Smith; Miss F. Lynch, Mrs. R. Wheeler.

SAILOR PASSES CHECK AND LANDS IN PRISON

William Bennett Visits Store Twice and Proprietor Causes His Arrest

Not content with one visit to the store of T. Shibata, 1143 Van Ness avenue, which netted him \$19 and a vase valued at \$8 in return for a bogus check, William Bennett, who says he is a sailor, returned to the same store yesterday, and he is now in the city prison.

Shibata recognized Bennett when he paid his second visit yesterday as the man who gave him a check for \$25 signed with the name of James Bennett a few days ago. Shibata proceeded with the transaction in hand, but instructed one of his clerks to summon Policeman James Collins, who was patrolling his beat in Van Ness avenue.

When Bennett saw Collins coming toward the store he fled down Geary street, but he was captured at the corner of Larkin street.

Burglars Visit Flat

The flat occupied by Harry S. Stinson, 745 Haight street, was visited by burglars Tuesday afternoon and a quantity of jewelry stolen. The family was out at the time. Part of the stolen jewelry was recovered yesterday in a pawnshop.

CASTRO GOING TO BERLIN VIA FRANCE

Venezuelan President Seeks Adjustment of Country's Difficulties With Other Nations

Had Double Purpose in Trip, Desiring to Consult Specialist on Advisability of Operation

SANTANDER, Spain, Dec. 8.—The French steamer Guadalupe, flying the flag of Venezuela, with President Castro on board, arrived here today. It was learned that President Castro will stay on board until he reaches Bordeaux and then travel overland to Berlin.

The mystery of the president's trip to Europe was dispelled very soon after the Guadalupe dropped anchor. It was declared that he came to Europe to consult with the specialists on the advisability of an operation. He has been suffering for some years with a disease that is understood to be a tumor of the kidneys.

The doctors said that the president's general condition was excellent. They explained that the president desired to consult European specialists regarding the advisability of an operation. He has been suffering for some years with a disease that is understood to be a tumor of the kidneys.

President Castro, in spite of the reports that he might not be permitted to land in France, announced that he had started for Bordeaux and that was where he was going. Before he left Venezuela he made the first advance by authorizing the return of several Frenchmen who had been exiled for political reasons, and during the voyage over he had several long talks with M. Merleux, the French minister to Peru, who was a fellow passenger.

He declared specifically to the French minister that he was ready to make important concessions in order to restore amicable relations with France. M. Merleux assured Castro that he would suffer no disagreeable treatment on landing at Bordeaux. In a dispatch from Santander M. Merleux informed the French government fully of the situation.

President Castro, it is said, also expects to arrange the difficulties of his government with the United States, including the asphalt affair.

Can Not Stay in France

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Humanitarian considerations alone have influenced the government's decision to allow President Castro to land at Bordeaux. It is anticipated, however, that he will only be possible in event of his wishing to pass through France to another country to seek medical or surgical treatment, or if his condition is so critical that an immediate operation is necessary. In any case, it is planned to serve upon the Venezuelan president the order of expulsion unless he apologizes and makes the other amends demanded by the French government.

SAYS CHIEF SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM OUTSIDE

Correspondent Makes Novel Suggestion for Selection of Police Department Head

A novel method of securing an efficient chief of police based on the experience of an eastern city is suggested in the following communication:

Bolinas, Cal., Dec. 6, 1908.

Editor Call—Dear Sir: Owing to conditions in your city, you may find food for thought in the experience of a small eastern city in selecting a chief of police at a time when police management was in a woeful condition. About 30 years ago I was part editor and owner of a daily and weekly paper in a town of 10,000 inhabitants. Following a change of administration it became necessary for the party in power to appoint a new chief of police. Tradition was ignored, all applications were thrown into the waste basket, and a chief of police, belonging to another town, was engaged for a year. He was told to enforce the laws as they stood, regardless of politics or bias. A year rolled round. The city had never been so orderly. There were no gambling games going, no disorderly women within the city limits, toughs and transients avoided the place and the police magistrate was idle most of the time. The chief was again appointed, and again as long as he lived. To this day this beautiful city at the foot of the Thousand Islands never appoints a chief of police from the ranks of its own citizens, but wisely selects an experienced man from some other city. Respectfully, S. S. SOUTHWORTH.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Arrangements for the annual Christmas entertainment of St. Dominic's church have been completed and the affair will take place next Wednesday evening in King Solomon's hall. The program has been arranged as follows: Quartet, orchestra, Dr. Stewart's ladies' quartet, Miss Hortense Gilmore, Miss Irene Bird, Miss Lesley and Miss Leola Stone; baritone solo, J. P. Foulney; trombone solo, J. C. Rau; vocal selections, Roy Folger; solo, "Dream O' Day," Miss Hortense Gilmore; specialities, Mrs. M. J. Gilmore; contralto solo, "Beautiful Land of Bon Bon," Miss Leola Stone; comic selections, Ray Lambert; newboys' trio, Messrs. Bryant, De Convey and Newman; finally, orchestra. The committee of arrangements is as follows: Rev. Henry K. J. O'Connell, president; Miss Gilmore, Miss Margot, M. J. McNellis and F. P. Finley.

HESPERIAN PARLOR'S ELECTION

Hesperian parlor No. 137, Native Sons of the Golden West, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: W. T. McCreech, past president; George C. Wood, president; F. B. Belton, H. J. Hughes and E. P. Norman, vice presidents; H. L. Belton, marshal; E. J. Hoagland, trustee; Drs. W. B. Coffey, T. D. Maher, H. A. Andrews, R. J. Dowdall, F. G. Hradky, D. J. Mahan and James J. Maloney, surgeons; E. J. Hewelke and W. Rohrs, sentinels. The parlor will have a family banquet in a downtown cafe on New Year's eve.

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A half ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine, two ounces of Glycerine and a half pint of Whisky, mixed, will cure any cough that is curable and break a cold in 24 hours. Take a teaspoonful every four hours. Ask your druggist for the genuine Leach's Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure, prepared and guaranteed by the Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, O.

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BONI PLAYED BY EX-WIFE'S LAWYER

De Castellane's Suit to Secure Children Proves Rare Treat to French Society

Princess de Sagan's Attorney Says Count Goaded to Fury at Loss of Fortune

PARIS, Dec. 9.—French society crowded the courtroom in the palace of justice today to hear Julemier, speaking in the name of the princess de Sagan, oppose the suit entered by Count Boni de Castellane, in which he petitions that the custody of his three children be given to his mother, the marquise de Castellane. When princess de Sagan, formerly Anna Gould, secured a divorce from the count de Castellane, custody of her children was awarded to her.

If Bonnet, speaking for the count, did not spare princess de Sagan a fortnight ago, Julemier was no less denunciatory and bitter in his characterization on this occasion of the count. De Castellane's sole motive in entering this suit, he charged, was hatred of De Sagan; the very thought of the prince occupying a place in the affections of his former wife and living in the superb mansion of the Avenue Malakoff goaded De Castellane to fury. Julemier denied that De Sagan had been expelled from any club, and that while in Buenos Aires he led the notorious life accredited to him. These and other accusations, counsel declared, were base calumnies, concocted by the man who had squandered the fortune of Anna Gould and left her with debts amounting to \$2,200,000 to settle.

Julemier then accused the count of furnishing mendacious information to the Gould family in the hope of thwarting his rival.

"The jealousy of M. de Castellane," he said, "results from the thought that each day rankles more and more that M. de Sagan is enjoying the greatest happiness which to him is lost forever."

Julemier was followed by Roussett, who appeared on behalf of George J. Gould, a party in the defense in his capacity as trustee of the Gould estate. M. Roussett characterized as abominable and scandalous count de Castellane's attempt to besmirch the reputation of the mother of his children merely for the purpose of venting his hatred.

Roussett then said that the count recognized himself as incapable of bringing up his children and that he therefore desired that they be placed in the custody of his mother.

"The count, however," he said, "would take into his own hands the yearly income of \$60,000, belonging to the children. This money would melt away like wax before a fire; the children never would receive a cent of it."

CHARGED WITH PERJURY

Edward Hagedorn, proprietor of a poolroom at 182 Townsend street, was arrested yesterday as he left Police Judge Shortall's courtroom on a charge of perjury. Hagedorn swore that he had never sold pools nor pool tickets. It was testified for the prosecution that he formerly sold pools in the Southern Pacific freight sheds. When arrested he had several tickets in his possession. This brought his arrest for perjury.



Anty Drudge Writes a Letter.

My dear niece Dorothy:

Don't be discouraged about your housework. Now that Monday washing, for instance, which you say is such hard work. You have been doing it the old-fashioned hard-rubbing way, you foolish girl. In the future just you use Fels-Naptha according to directions on the wrapper, and it will be more like play than work. Then your week will be started right and everything will go well.

Affectionately, ANTY DRUDGE.

Wash day used to mean a long day's drudgery with hot fires and steam and nasty smells. Fels-Naptha has changed all that. Fels-Naptha has made wash day as pleasant as any other day, because Fels-Naptha has made washing easy.

More than a million women are washing clothes with Fels-Naptha in cold or lukewarm water, without boiling or hard rubbing. Washday has no terrors for them. And the drudgery of household cleaning is lightened, too, by Fels-Naptha. It whitens floors, brightens paints, brings out the colors in linoleum, takes dirt off varnished surfaces without dulling the varnish, removes grease spots and stains in carpets, rugs and upholstery.

Be sure to follow directions on the Fels-Naptha red and green wrapper.

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