

LOS ANGELES WILL HAVE AN INCREASE

Assessment Will Probably Be Raised Not Less Than 20 Per Cent

Desperate Fight to Maintain the Low Valuations for Purposes of Taxation

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Assessed for a total that falls below that of either the St. Francis or the Fairmont. Against the \$1,350,000 levied on the Fairmont and \$1,000,000 on the St. Francis, the eight here reach only \$922,000. The hotels included in this comparison are the Nadeau, Hollenbeck, King Edward, Hayward, Vanuys, Angelus, Lanckershim and Alexandria.

Carline Figures
Similar discrepancies obtain in the relative assessments of banks and street railroads. The car lines in San Francisco are assessed for an average of \$68,200 per mile. Here they get off with \$25,620 a mile.

The Pacific electric here, with 470 miles of road, 722 cars and a private right of way, is assessed for \$12,920,230. No figures are at hand to estimate its value, but it is well satisfied with the assessor's figures. So is the Los Angeles railway company, with 270 miles of road, 123 cars and an assessment of \$7,169,535.

Los Angeles banks are assessed at 18 per cent, San Francisco at 27.

BREEZY SESSION OF THE BOARD IS HOT WITH DISPUTES

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 31.—The early part of the day's hearing of the state board of equalization was bitter in the extreme. The state board had asked the local realty board some time ago to prepare valuations on selected properties. The realty men decided that the work could not be done in the three months allowed. The state board then employed three appraisers—Elmer Harpham, a civil engineer; W. A. Varcoe, a real estate dealer; Los Angeles, and Henry Hart, appraiser for a local bank. These men returned three separate sets of valuations. Harpham and Varcoe were very high and Hart exceedingly low. The state board asked them to consider the matter in conference to see if they could reach common estimates. They met and signed a report showing valuations near the top figures.

Ten members of the real estate board also met and agreed on figures slightly above those fixed by Hart.

During the noon hour President William Garland of the realty board visited Hart's home and brought back an affidavit, in which Hart said that his lower estimates were correct. The affidavit continued:

"Any compromise or raise in those figures was prompted solely by an earnest request from the members of the state board of equalization that I compromise, get together with and stand with the disgraced and extremely high appraisers on the same property by two other appraisers. Against my will, best judgment and protest I submitted to such a compromise and which I now regret."

The reading of the affidavit by Garland precipitated an immediate uproar. "I want to say that's absolutely false," shouted Chairman Brown to the state board.

Such representations were made to Mr. Hart.

His colleagues in the board and the two appraisers also denounced the statement as false.

Equalizer McElvaine took violent exception to a report of one of the appraisers placing a valuation of \$500,000 on the plant of the Los Angeles Times.

Major McGinnis had that done! McElvaine cried out.

Major McGinnis is the tax agent of the Santa Fe, and McElvaine says he wants to raise assessments in Los Angeles to lighten the burden of the railroads.

The state board left for the north tonight to hold further hearings in Sacramento.

KOENIG'S DIFFICULTIES END IN DIVORCE SUIT

Shoe Dealer's Wife Demands Decree and Alimony

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SAN JOSE, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Emma H. Koenig capped her long series of allegations against her husband today by filing in the superior court an action for divorce. Mrs. Koenig alleges that her husband has used his fists repeatedly in the recent past in enforcing his side of more or less heated arguments, which have been a part of their household relationship, and says that her son George has been likewise mistreated.

In February Mrs. Koenig filed a suit against her husband for a divorce and big sensation. She said she had sunk \$25,000 in his first street shoe business, and alleged that he was incompetent to manage the affairs of the store.

In her action for divorce Mrs. Koenig demands \$500 per month alimony pending the result of the suit and \$200 attorney's fees. The action has created a sensation here, owing to the prominence of the family socially and in business circles, the Koenigs having conducted their shoe establishment for over 20 years.

STEAMER BANDON IS WRECKED ON RIVER BAR
Vessel Strikes Spit Inside Jetty While Under Tow

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 31.—The steamer Bandon was wrecked this afternoon on Let columns of the Coquille river. The passengers and crew were saved, but the steamer and cargo of 600,000 feet of lumber probably will be a total loss.

The accident occurred while the Bandon was being towed out of the Coquille river on the way to Coos bay. While crossing the bar the vessel struck on a rock on the south spit, inside the jetty. The line between the steamer and the tug parted and fouled. The tug and crew of the life saving station got a line from the steamer to the shore and the passengers, who consisted of 12 members of the Order of Elks en route to a convention here, were brought safely to shore.

The Bandon was valued at \$75,000 and owned by A. F. Estabrook & Co. of San Francisco.

ASSESSOR DODGE CALLS McELVAINE TO ACCOUNT

Assessor Washington Dodge has addressed to Chairman Alexander Brown of the state board of equalization an open letter in answer to an interview given by Jeff McElvaine, southern member of the board, to a Los Angeles newspaper. Dodge not only defends himself against insinuations directed against him by McElvaine, but challenges the latter to put his charges in such form that they may be answered in an open session of the board.

In his interview, McElvaine stated that by "a peculiar coincidence" the assessments on certain pieces of San Francisco realty were raised by Dodge after those pieces had been selected by the state board of equalization for investigation, and added that the increase was made on these particular parcels without a corresponding increase on surrounding property.

Dodge calls attention in his letter to the fact that when his list of appraisements was read last week before the board of equalization, McElvaine remained silent. The opportunity was given at that time for interrogation regarding the San Francisco county assessments, but no question was raised relative to any of the local assessments.

In his answer to McElvaine's interview, Dodge denounces as false the statement that he might have received information as to the particular parcels of property with which the board was to interest itself. He says that all advances in assessment were made before the board of equalization had determined upon its selections, and also

declares that wherever such advances were put into effect the assessment was raised on all surrounding property.

Dodge repudiates the insinuation that he had "inside information" as to the intentions of the board, and "regrets" that McElvaine did not see fit to make his statements before the board while it was in session in San Francisco, instead of reserving them for publication through the Los Angeles newspapers. In Los Angeles, McElvaine, after praising the fairness of the southern assessors, is quoted as saying:

"In San Francisco the appraisers were asked to set the value upon certain pieces of property there. This was done. Then, by a peculiar coincidence, the county assessments on those particular pieces of property were raised, although the valuation of surrounding property was allowed to remain the same as in the past. This indicates that the assessor of San Francisco kept himself informed."

Dodge denies that any parcels of property have been increased in valuation without an according increase of valuation on surrounding property, shows how every increase has been determined upon added value of the property in question, and denies absolutely that he had any information regarding the pieces that were to be selected for investigation by the state board of equalization. He declares that he is willing to bring proof of his assertions before the state board if McElvaine will put his insinuations in the shape of formal charges.

WIDOW, FLEECE, DEMANDS REDRESS

Brings Suit Against Prominent Marysville Broker, Charging Flagrant Swindle

Says Van Wormer Lavished the Coin Advanced for Mine Upon a Woman

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charges him of flagrant violation of confidence and breach of faith and says he has surrounded himself with people not necessary in the control of a mining venture.

Gets Out Injunction
To prevent Van Wormer and any of the defendants from transferring any of the money that may be left and any property that may be in the names of either of them, Mrs. Beam has caused an injunction to be issued from the superior court of Yuba county and the defendants are cited to appear in court on September 10 and show cause why they should not be enjoined from disposing of any of the property.

Mrs. Beam is armed with an abundance of evidence to prove her contentions, she says, and she intends, if possible, to get some of her money back. The theater Van Wormer had erected and of which Miss Arlington was placed in charge, has been operated for a few nights, but with little success. In all probability the proceedings will result in its closing down.

Showed Land Lease
Van Wormer secured a lease on 25 acres of land along the river bottom near this city, and he and Cusick have been doing some work there. The lease was secured through Swezy. To some it was given out that the plan was to reclaim a vast body of land. Mrs. Beam says she was told that the scheme was to dredge for gold and that a big fortune was awaiting the operations.

Cusick is the man who was recently shot by John Nelson at Indiana Ranch for alleged jumping of claims belonging to the North Lode mining company.

FRANCES MOHAWK IN HANDS OF RECEIVER
Tangled Affairs of Goldfield Mine Taken to Court

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Financial difficulties of the Frances Mohawk mining and leasing company of Goldfield, Nev., due to involved legal tangles and a number of heavy judgments, today resulted in a receivership for the company.

Judge Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court appointed the Western trust and savings bank temporary receiver. He also issued a temporary injunction against the officers of the company and D. Mackenzie & Co., Chicago agents for the corporation, restraining them from withdrawing the \$125,000 on deposit in the Central safety deposit boxes of this city and from interfering in any way with the affairs of the company pending an investigation under the direction of the court.

The company, it is said, is the holder of a number of mining leases in Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado and South Dakota.

Attorney John A. Duffey, representing D. Mackenzie, president and general manager of the company, alleges that attempts on the life of Mackenzie have been made by the alleged enemies of the company, who, he declares, are behind the present proceedings.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC'S REVENUE INCREASES

Report for July Shows Net Gain of \$375,309

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
BOSTON, Aug. 31.—The Southern Pacific reports for July as follows: Gross revenues, \$10,814,569; increase, \$1,094,163; operating expenses, \$6,467,834; increase \$717,892; taxes, \$29,736; increase \$882; total expenses and taxes, \$6,797,661; increase \$718,854; net revenue, \$4,016,907; increase \$375,309.

Union Pacific Also Gains

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—The Union Pacific reports for July as follows: Gross revenues, \$7,544,553; increase \$785,170; operating expenses, \$5,478,922; increase \$290,527; taxes, \$212,355; increase \$14,450; total expenses and taxes, \$5,691,287; increase \$304,977; net revenue, \$3,843,566; increase \$480,192.

J. B. STETSON'S WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

Street Railroadman Left Estate of About \$100,000

The will of James B. Stetson, president of the California street cable railroad, who died August 15, 1909, was filed for probate yesterday. His estate is declared to be worth about \$100,000.

To his two brothers, Charles R. and John W. Stetson, and to his sister, Sarah M. Beadle, the testator left \$1,000 each. Two granddaughters and eight nieces are left \$500 apiece.

The remainder of the estate is divided, share and share alike, among Stetson's three children, Harry N. Stetson, Sarah L. Winstow and Nellie S. Oxnard.

TAFT DEFEATS KNOX ON THE GOLF LINKS

No Time Fixed for Ballinger's Visit With President

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 31.—President Taft took Secretary of State Knox out on the links of the Myopia club this morning and gave him a sound drubbing at golf.

No time as yet has been fixed for the visit to the president of Secretary Ballinger, who is now on his way to Washington from Seattle.

The secretary was to have joined the president at Butte or Spokane to make a large part of the Pacific coast trip with him. Unless he accomplishes in Washington what he has set out to do before coming to Beverly it is doubtful if Ballinger will be able to join the president's party until the arrival at Seattle, if then.

El Paso Mayor Visits Diaz

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 31.—Mayor Sweeney of El Paso, Tex., was received today by President Diaz at the palace at Chapultepec. The president, through Ambassador Thompson, was tendered a formal invitation by the people of El Paso to visit that city to meet President Taft in October, and he accepted.

WOMAN BURGLAR CHARGED—As a writ of habeas corpus had been applied for by Ruth Holmes, the woman burglar arrested with Albert Kerrigan, alias Kerrigan, she was booked at the city prison yesterday on two charges of receiving stolen goods. The jewelry seized by the police was found in her room in the Palm hotel, Sixth and Howard streets.

HELD ON FORGERY CHARGE—Joseph Thornton was held for trial before the superior court by Police Judge Weller yesterday on a charge of forgery. He is accused of forging the name of W. C. Reeves to a check for \$18 which he passed on J. M. Meyer, grocer, Turk and Franklin streets, August 14.

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LONE ROBBER HOLDS UP AN EXPRESS TRAIN

Bandit Mistakes Bag of Pennies for Sack of Gold

LEWISTON, Pa., Aug. 31.—A lone robber held up the Pittsburgh and Northern express on the Pennsylvania railroad at Lewiston narrows, one of the loneliest places on the line, at 2 o'clock this morning.

At the point of a revolver he compelled the crew to carry thousands of dollars from an express car to a spot in the wilderness. In the darkness, however, he mistook a bag containing \$0,000 new Lincoln pennies for gold coin and staggered away with it, leaving the real gold bullion to be recovered.

It was reported tonight that in addition to the missing pennies several thousand dollars in currency was missing, but the express company officials refuse to announce the exact amount of their loss.

The railroad company is using a pack of bloodhounds and the capture of the desperado is believed to be almost a certainty. The dogs are owned by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and are kept for just such an emergency.

The robber, who was masked and possessed of a remarkable coolness, cowed the railroadmen completely, the only show of resistance being made by the conductor, Isaac P. Paffenberger, who was shot through the hand.

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