

EMPHATIC OFFER PURCHASE OF SPRING VALLEY Plant Would Pay for Itself From Earnings, Declare Friends of Plan Fate of Proposed Dual Water System Now in Voters' Hands

tion of a public utility, to wit: A water supply and works to be owned and controlled by the city and county of San Francisco to furnish to said city and county and to the inhabitants thereof a sufficient supply of water for domestic purposes, the sources of such supply to be Lake Eleanor, the waters of the Tuolumne river, and its tributaries...

FINAL APPEAL IS MADE FOR THE DUAL SYSTEM

The citizens' water committee issued its final appeal to the voters yesterday, urging them to cast their ballots today for both Spring Valley and the Lake Eleanor-Tuolumne system. The appeal follows:

To the Voters of San Francisco: Vote for both propositions. That is the only way to secure immediate municipal ownership of water. Vote early and be sure you vote for both propositions. The enemies of municipal ownership will turn every trick to keep you from voting for both propositions. Remember that if you vote against buying Spring Valley and you vote against your water from the Lake Eleanor-Tuolumne system, there is no other way you can get it during the next 10 years. You are paying Spring Valley over \$2,000,000 a year. Vote to stop this to the city in 10 years. Remember that in the 10 years it will take to bring in a new water system you must pay for water from Spring Valley. There will be no other place to get it. In those 10 years you will have to pay the company at least \$2,000,000, probably more than \$20,000,000 for water. Vote for both propositions and pay the money to the city.

College Student Waves Goodby to People Ashore

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bring 5,000,000 more gallons of water daily from Crystal Springs and to extend the mains to the outlying districts. Vote for both propositions and get immediate municipal ownership of our water supply. Let us have a municipal water supply without waiting the 10 years that it will take to bring the waters from the Sierra.

Remember that if you consider the \$25,000,000 price above the actual value of the property, it is worth something extra to throw out of the city. The Spring Valley out of the control of our most important public utility. Don't be scared about the price. It is close to the city's own estimates in the rate suits. Here are the figures:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Value. Includes items like 'Valuation of property used in water supply February 1909', 'Valuation of property not yet in use', 'Franchise (assessor valuation)', 'Increase in value of Lake Merced lands', 'Value of going business (Grassky's estimate)', 'Total'.

Only the first of these figures is to be considered in fixing rates. The company is entitled by law and justice only to a reasonable return on the money actually invested in the property. When they come to sell they are entitled to the fair market price of all their property. The \$25,000,000 price can not be far out of the way. If you vote to permit the Spring Valley corporation to retain possession of the present water supply you vote to maintain a competitor to a city system and divide the income.

OBSERVATIONS PROVE ENGINEERS CORRECT

The December report of the city's surveyors now gauging the rain and snow fall in the Lake Eleanor region has been received by City Engineer Manson and shows that the precipitation in the mountains for the month exceeded expectations, as did November's.

The two observers in charge of the three stations at the lakeside and in the water shed, are making the first extended scientific study of the matter in the higher altitudes of the Sierras. The observations made in former years at La Grange by the United States weather bureau have been the basis for calculating the rainfall and runoff the city might count upon, taking the least three years in 20 years of service. Manson has been pleased to learn that the observations of this year have confirmed fully the amounts calculated upon.

December's rainfall at Lake Eleanor totaled 13.2 inches. Part of this was made up of 2.5 inches snowfall, which packed to a depth of 4 inches. The highest temperature was 60 degrees; the lowest, 4 degrees. The mean maximum temperature was 45.8 degrees; the mean minimum, 33.6. The greatest range in any one day was 33.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY AIDS WATER SYSTEM FIGHT Assurances of a desire to co-operate with San Francisco in its efforts to obtain a Sierra water supply were brought yesterday by a delegation of citizens from Tuolumne county. In the delegation were: Charles H. Segerstrom, first vice president of the Tuolumne county chamber of commerce;

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TRAGIC FEATURES MARK SHIPWRECK

Crowds on Beach See Last Six Men on Czarina Swept to Their Deaths Captain and Young Passenger Make Futile Attempt to Swim Ashore

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away. Aided by long distance glasses through which the people on shore were watching developments it appeared as if the three men had resolved to make a last desperate effort to reach shore. Removing a portion of their clothing so as not to be encumbered in their swim for life, they jumped into the sea. That was the last seen of them alive. Victory was not to be theirs. They had fought a good fight and lost, just as 27 others of their fellows had done before them.

The identity of the sextet who had survived the terrible night never will definitely be known, but the consensus of opinion is that they were Captain C. J. Duggan of San Francisco, Second Officer John McNichols of San Francisco, First Officer James Hughes of San Francisco, Harold Mills, the only passenger, son of General Manager C. J. Mills of the Southern Pacific company in Marshfield, and two sailors.

Mills a Promising Youth

Harold Mills was a promising young man. At school and college he was well up in his studies and was noted on the athletic field for his ability in several branches of sport. He was on his way to Berkeley to resume his course in the special engineering when death overtook him.

The Czarina left out yesterday afternoon in the face of a storm, bound for San Francisco. When crossing the bar something happened, what it was may never be known, but it soon was realized by those on shore that something had gone wrong. The vessel appeared to stop and sea after sea struck her, some of the waves washing her decks.

Then the big vessel continued to drift rapidly toward the fatal spit. It was thought that her engine had become disabled, but it was soon seen that this was not the main cause of her predicament. It is probable that something went wrong with her rudder, as she appeared to be beyond the control of the helmsman. Then her anchor was dropped, but it would not hold, and with her rudder out of commission and big seas pounding against her the inevitable happened. She struck the spit at there she hung, beyond the power of man to assist her.

News of the disaster spread like wildfire and in a few minutes the beach was lined with people anxiously watching developments on board the ill-starred vessel. The life crew was notified and a tugboat was sent to the scene, but no boat could approach the vessel and keep afloat.

Overwhelmed by Storm

"The Czarina was simply overwhelmed by the storm. Her engines and machinery worked perfectly until I shut them off to take to the rigging when we were pounding on the spit," said H. Kertzel, first assistant engineer and only survivor of the wreck.

"The storm was terrific and tossed us about like a chip. We could neither go ahead nor back. I never saw such an angry sea before in my life. We struck first on the south spit, were tossed over and around to the north spit and, after getting into the breakers, once succeeded in getting on the wind, the last breaker and there cast anchor.

"Captain Duggan anchored because the sea a little farther out was worse than any we had encountered. The anchor began to drag and we were tossed back broadside into the breakers and were helpless. Captain Duggan sent word to the engineers to come up on deck and for all to take to the rigging. The anchor chain was then cut to let the Czarina go far in on the beach as possible to give the men a chance to escape."

Kertzel is still on the verge of nervous prostration from the shock and excitement. When his unconscious form was picked up last night in the surf he had his arms and legs wrapped about a heavy timber with a death grip. The timber had to be carried out with him and his limbs gradually worked loose.

Planned to Leave Ship

OAKLAND, Jan. 13.—Charles A. Thompson, an officer on the Czarina, boarded when in port at the home of Mrs. S. Mattson, 475 Fifty-first street. The family was greatly attached to him. His parents live at 118 Sierra street, Reno. On his last trip to San Francisco Thompson learned that his father had suffered a severe stroke of paralysis. The young man had intended to lay off on the trip which ended so disastrously and visit his aged parents, with whom his sister, Mrs. E. Schmitt, living at 223 Webster street, Berkeley, Cal. is staying. She sent word to her brother that their father was not in a critical condition, so Thompson changed his original plan to leave immediately for Reno and remained on the ship.

BERKELEY, Jan. 13.—John H. Robinson, an assistant engineer on the Czarina, has a wife at 2135 Blake street, this city.

According to the complaint that was filed today the two parallel lines will be 45 feet apart. They will begin in Tuolumne county and will cross the counties of Calaveras, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Alameda, San Mateo and San Francisco.

The bay will be crossed in the neighborhood of Dumbarton point. Towers to hold the power wires will be erected every 800 feet, each tower to be 50 feet or more in height.

MCCARTHY'S FOLLOWERS FACE SERIOUS SPLIT

There is a serious split among the followers of P. H. McCarthy over the water question. Exception has been taken to the action of the McCarthy businessmen's association in endorsing only the Sierra water project. Many of the members regard both essential to the city's welfare and protested vigorously yesterday that the Spring Valley had not been included in the vote of approval. W. V. MacNevin, secretary of the association, voiced his dissent in emphatic language. He said: "I knew nothing of the action of the association."

LAMPHERE ADMITS PART IN MURDERS

Accomplice of Mrs. Guinness Says Woman Killed Three Men on Farm Fire Due to Candle Left in the House After Chloroforming Whole Family

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killed by Mrs. Guinness. Lamphere however, details how Mrs. Guinness had secreted her in the house after she returned from a visit and she was chloroformed by Lamphere and his accomplice.

Burial Follows Marriage

Mrs. Guinness informed Lamphere of the coming of her cousins. The first man to be killed was from Minnesota. He never awoke from his sleep in the Guinness house. In the darkness Lamphere was ordered by Mrs. Guinness to drop a gunny sack and its contents in a hole that had been made by another farmhand for rubbish.

Mrs. Guinness never told him what became of the man, but Lamphere received money from Mrs. Guinness. Within a month another man arrived. He wanted to know his rights before paying off the mortgage on the Guinness farm and Mrs. Guinness took him to St. Joseph, Mich. Lamphere thought, while they were married.

Victim's Groans Heard

Then Andrew Helgelein came from South Dakota with a check for \$2,853.20. This was cashed, and Helgelein was given to understand he was nothing more than a farmhand. Lamphere was sent on an errand to Michigan City to remain all night. He returned to the Guinness home and through a hole in the floor heard Helgelein groan in distress. He was begging Mrs. Guinness to send for a doctor.

It was choral she had given Helgelein, according to Lamphere. Presently Helgelein fell to the floor and Lamphere said he saw Mrs. Guinness strike the prostrated form and end the man's life.

Lamphere the following night buried this body with Mrs. Guinness' assistance. Shortly after Mrs. Guinness and Lamphere quarreled over money and he was ordered off the farm. She put her money in the bank the afternoon before Lamphere, seeking money, chloroformed all in the house, robbed and set fire to the place.

New Victim Is Named

Inquiry at La Porte shows that Ole O. Budsburg of Iowa, Wis., who sold his farm and went to La Porte with the money and whose body was found buried in the Guinness farmyard, may have been one of the men that were killed. Budsburg, as near as can be ascertained, went to La Porte about the time that Lamphere went to live at the Guinness farm.

The other man, who is believed to have been the second victim of Mrs. Guinness while Lamphere was there, was Tommas Petersen, Lien of Rushford, Minn., whose disappearance and supposed death, the Post-Dispatch says, is made public for the first time.

MINORITY LEADER WAXES VITRIOLIC

Champ Clark Renews Insurgent War on Rules, Impaling Cannon on Shafts of Rhetoric Compares Speaker to Louis the Fourteenth and Says That Cannonism Must Go

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DAYTON, O., Jan. 13.—In a speech here tonight Champ Clark, leader of the minority in the house of representatives, attacked Speaker Cannon and "Cannonism." Clark declared that "the tide is everywhere rising against Cannonism," and that the fight against house rules would continue until crowned with complete success.

The speaker criticized the action of Senator Hale in having Cannon's Kansas City speech printed as a public document and at public expense, saying: "Evidently the intention is to circulate it ad libitum as a piece of campaign literature to help elect another stand-pa house of representatives, which will, in turn, re-elect Cannon to the speakership, for, as MacAuley said of Sir Robert Walpole, he is 'avaricious of power' and clings to it with the tenacity of a snapping turtle and with the desperation of a drowning man clutching at a plank in midocean."

"He strikes a Louis XIV 'I am the state' attitude and savagely belabors all those who would liberalize the rules of the house."

"Against Hon. Joseph G. Cannon personally I have nothing whatsoever; he has done me many kindnesses, which I have tried to repay, but I am honestly of the opinion that what has come to be known as 'Cannonism' is a great evil in our legislative system and should be rooted out."

In conclusion Clark said: "Certainly the republicans can not be described as a happy family. The Parsons-Cannon row, the Ballinger-Pinchot row, the Crane-Knox row, the insurgent-stand-patters, the constantly increasing talk of 'the return from Elba,' the central bank row, all of these are merely symptoms, but most suggestive symptoms, of the disease now afflicting the C. O. P. So, while democrats everywhere celebrate the glad New Year by getting together for an assault along the line upon the common enemy, republicans present to the astonished gaze of men the appearance of a dissolving view."

REALTY ASSOCIATION ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

OAKLAND, Jan. 13.—The Oakland real estate association has elected the following officers: President, George W. Austin; vice president, E. B. Bull; secretary, M. Perkins; treasurer, Charles Tyrrell. The executive committee for the ensuing term is composed of H. L. Holcomb, W. J. Lavin, N. M. Crossley, A. J. Snyder, T. Minner, Walter H. Leimer, R. W. Cotter.

TERMINAL RATES ARE SOUGHT BY PETALUMA

PETALUMA, Jan. 13.—The Petaluma Merchants' association will work in conjunction with the business men of Santa Rosa to have that city declared a terminal shipping point. This matter is of vital interest to shippers all over the county and is being worked for by all the commercial bodies.

DENIES IMMUNITY IN HERMAN TRIAL

Former Surveyor General of Oregon Testifies for Government in Conspiracy Case Portland Lawyer Admits Having Been Custodian of School Land Certificates

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PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—The cross examination of Henry Meldrum, former surveyor general of Oregon, was the feature of today's trial in the United States district court of Binger Hermann on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of part of the public domain.

Meldrum declared that he had never been promised immunity from prosecution on two remaining conspiracy charges against him in consideration of his testimony against Hermann, but that he had been given to understand that "the charges would be modified." He said that he had never been shown any consideration by the government and expected none.

Meldrum said that he had for some time objected to giving testimony in the Hermann trial at Washington, but that after United States District Attorney Baker of that city had convinced him that it would be "better for him," he changed his mind.

Meldrum admitted under the questioning of Colonel A. S. Worthington, attorney for Hermann, that he had not heard Hermann make any statement that indicated that there was corrupt intent in the forming of the Blue Mountain forest reserve.

Four witnesses were examined before court adjourned for the day, but outside of Meldrum's cross examination there was little to hold interest. The upshot of Meldrum's testimony was that he heard nothing that indicated corrupt purpose in forming the reserve at the conference in September, 1901, between Hermann and Mays and that he had later told Hermann so.

W. M. Laforce, a lawyer of this city, and the man who the prosecution alleges was the custodian of the school land certificates given by Mays to Ormsby, testified that he had held such certificates, but denied that he had any knowledge that they were in the nature of a bribe.

CHILD RESCUED BY MOTHER DIES FROM BURNS

Nine Months Old Girl Succumbs; Fire Destroyed Home [Special Dispatch to The Call]

UKIAH, Jan. 13.—Valma Lake, 9 months old, daughter of Henry Lake of Pudding Creek, died today as a result of burns received Tuesday night, when the frame house where she was sleeping was destroyed by fire.

The mother and five small children were in the house when the fire started and Mrs. Lake succeeded in carrying four little ones to safety, forgetting the fifth in her excitement.

When she heard the child's screams she entered the burning house and carried the little one out, both receiving terrible burns.

POLICEMAN KILLS BANDIT—Chicago, Jan. 13. Bernard Scekowski, an alleged holdup man, was shot and killed by Policeman Frank Madon here today. This is the fourth alleged robber killed by the Chicago police since January 1.

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