

In the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

PRE-WEDDING HIGH BUILDING A STOCKTON HOME

Daughter of Mrs. J. D. McDougald Becomes Bride of Paul Weston, Traveling Man

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Nov. 6.—Miss Carolyn McDougald, daughter of Mrs. J. D. McDougald, was married last Tuesday evening to Paul Weston. Rev. William T. Rehison, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, performed the ceremony.

The rooms of the family residence were decorated with chrysanthemums and greenery. The bridal party stood beneath a canopy of ferns and proceeded to their places through an aisle of white tulle held in place by eight young ladies.

Miss Blanche Morrill's orchestra rendered Lohengrin's wedding march, and the bride entered on the arm of her cousin, George McDougald. She was given away by her mother. The matron of honor was Mrs. Lloyd Thayer, while Miss Louise McDougald was maid of honor. The bridegroom was unattended.

The young ladies who formed the aisle were Miss Lottie Ruggles, Miss Hazel Burge, Miss Gertrude Littlehale, Miss Grace Blake and Misses Alice and Edith Sherman. The bride wore a gown of white messaline made on train and trimmed with pearls and white fur. She wore the conventional veil and carried a shower bouquet of white bride's roses. The matron and maid of honor wore yellow gowns and carried yellow chrysanthemums.

After a two weeks' trip to coast points the couple will take up their residence in their bungalow in West Poplar street. The bridegroom is a traveling man.

Halloween parties were among the principal social events of the past week. Saturday Miss Helen and Miss Ella Williams entertained a number of friends at the former's home. Here pumpkins adorned the rooms and halloween games were played.

A halloween dance was given Saturday evening at the Snell bungalow. Mr. Smallfield and Mrs. Wiley were the chaperones. The dancing party consisted of:

- Miss Lucy Ray, Miss Marie Grewen, Miss Genevieve Wiley, Miss Mirabel Stewart, Miss Hazel Eider, Miss Althea Morse, Miss Betty Clark, Miss Helen Glavin, Miss Emma Schneider, Miss Gertrude Confer, Miss Bertha Johnson, Miss Ethel Dix, Miss Julia Young, Miss Louise Reacher, Miss Bernice Westby, Miss Alberta White, Miss Regina Smallfield, Miss Myrtle Lynch, Miss Althea Stewart.

Mrs. C. E. Moore entertained a few friends Saturday evening at her home in North Union street. The decorations were typical of halloween.

A halloween party was given Monday night by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moorehead at their home, 115 West Vine street. The rooms were uniquely decorated.

A halloween dinner was given last Sunday night at the Yosemite club by Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilcox.

The Philomathean club had "history day" Friday, the program being in charge of Mrs. F. R. Clarke. Mrs. George Henry had charge of the musical hour. Miss Ella Henderson read a paper on "Early Musical Instruments." Judge George Buck gave an instructive talk on "Immigration." Miss Ruth Simpson and Miss Rose Goodman rendered vocal solos. Next Friday will be "literature day," and Mrs. C. S. Sargent will be in charge of the program.

The Aldine club ladies held "domestic science day" Monday. A paper was read by Mrs. Marjorie West on "Home Keeping versus Home Making." The ladies discussed the subject, "Which is the least objectionable—good temper with poor house keeping, or bad temper with good house keeping?" The good temper club had the best of the argument. Another subject discussed was, "What the Modern Kitchen Should Be." Miss Harriet Keating, domestic science teacher in the local schools, delivered an interesting address. The next meeting of the club will be held Monday at the residence of Mrs. Emma Fallon in Mape street near El Dorado.

The Misses Hough gave a yellow luncheon Friday. Yellow chrysanthemums were used in adorning the dining table.

The Wednesday bridge club was entertained last week by Mrs. E. E. Latta. The club met in the evening so the gentlemen could attend.

The Tres Olmos five hundred club met with Mr. and Mrs. Ward M. Smith last Thursday evening.

The members of the Monday bridge club were entertained last week by Mrs. W. A. Hildreth. Mrs. D. Laogier will entertain next time.

Mrs. L. M. Haight entertained a number of lady friends Friday with bridge.

The North Side bridge club was entertained last week by Mrs. George E. Catts.

Mrs. Mary Meinke has announced the engagement of her daughter, Cordina, to James William Fitzgerald, the wedding to take place November 22.

PERSONAL MENTION Miss Shilzer Thomas and Miss Florence Miller, who have been on a trip around the world, have been the guests of Mrs. J. W. Lutz, the past week. They have returned to their home in Santa Ana.

Mrs. J. R. Garner and son Charles and Miss Thelma Marie Chalmers have returned from a 10 days' visit with Fresno relatives. The entertaining and socializing was done in Suisun after visiting her mother, Mrs. E. L. Cooley, of this city.

Mrs. W. B. Nutter is the guest of Mrs. H. T. Higginbotham in Berkeley. Miss Virginia Fish is up from Berkeley, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fish. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy may be home from their wedding trip.

Mrs. E. Gillis and Miss Merren Gillis have gone to Portland, Ore., for a month.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT STOCKTON [Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Nov. 6.—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday as follows: Arthur V. Tupps, Hayward, aged 21, and Nellie I. Libhart, French Camp, aged 18; Clarence B. Thompson, aged 22, and Pearl W. Stoker, aged 19, both of Stockton; William T. Owens, Lodi, aged 21, and Beattie May Fish, Stockton, aged 22.

ON ALL AMENDMENTS VOTE YES Take no chances on getting the exposition. Vote yes on all amendments.

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[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Nov. 6.—An eight-story building that will be the skyscraper of the Sacramento business section is to be erected in Eighth street, J and K, by the Frederick Cox estate. The work will be begun this winter, as the old brick building now standing on the property is being razed. The structure will be class A fireproof. The ground floor will be used for ticket offices by railroad companies and the other floors for offices.

NAVAL MILITIA MAY GET TWO OF DEWEY'S SHIPS

Washington Reserve to Be Given Boston and Concord

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 6.—The cruiser Boston and the gunboat Concord, which were a part of Admiral Dewey's fleet in the battle of Manila Bay, may be turned over to the Washington naval militia instead of being put up for sale at public auction as recently ordered by the navy department. A telegram from the navy department was received yesterday at the Puget sound navy yard, where the vessels are now laid up, asking estimates on the cost of fitting the old warships for the use of the naval militia.

LAUNCH LURCHES AND HURLS MAN TO DEATH

James Lyons of San Francisco Drowns in Bay

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN RAFAEL, Nov. 6.—James Lyons, a foreman at the Union Iron works, San Francisco, was drowned off Black point while on a launch ride with a party of friends late this afternoon. Lyons was standing in the stern when the boat gave a lurch and he was hurled into the water. Before the boat could be brought about Lyons sank. The body was not recovered.

POTATOES THE SOURCE OF GERMANY'S STARCH

Manufacture Enters Extensively Into Export Trade

Potatoes are a principal source of the starch manufactured in Germany, and that potato, starch, known as "kartoffelmehl," enters extensively into German export trade, writes Vice Consul general Frederic W. Cauldwell of Berlin. The potatoes are first thoroughly washed and then mashed between heavy rolling cylinders, on the surface of which there are grooves and teeth which crush up the potato cells. The starch is washed out of this ground up pulp by means of running water. The resulting so-called "starch milk" is first drained through wire or silk screens or through perforated copper plates to remove the cell pulp, after which it is allowed to flow directly into cement settling vats or caves, or it may first be led over small, gently sloping troughs or drains, upon which the purest of the starch then settles. The starch from the settling vats and from the settling drains is refined by being rinsed in straining vats, and impurities and cell substances are skimmed or dipped off. The water is then removed by special centrifugal hydro-extractors and the resulting so-called "green starch" is generally worked up into dextrin and sugar. For producing the starch of commerce it must be further dried in specially constructed drying chambers. The potato starch market in Germany is subjected to a renewal of the refining process, or it may be dried and fed to stock.

WENATCHEE GROWERS MARKET OWN APPLES

Fruit Sells at Highest Price in English Market

An experimental shipment of apples to Southampton from the Wenatchee section of the state of Washington, made in 1908, proved so successful both in a financial way, and greater still in the substantial lines of a good reputation, that in 1909 the same dealer made another shipment, this one amounting to 20,000 cases, reports Consul Albert W. Swain, Southampton. The fruit was neatly packed and made a market in first class condition. It is a matter of financial record that this Wenatchee fruit sold at the highest price above any American apple ever offered in the open English market, and much of the shipment, which was attended to by the shipper, was sold in the retail market at 8 to 12 cents per pound, and eagerly taken at that price by the best trade.

Orders in the market will more than exhaust a shipment of the same size during the crop year 1910. Of course it should be stated that the quality of this Wenatchee fruit was first class, true to name in every case, and no seconds put in to fill up, yet much depended on the method of packing, and in that it was found superior in every way. Therein lies the way to success for the American fruit packer and shipper—good fruit, well packed, and then kept out of an auction where a combination may control prices. The Wenatchee can meet the British Columbia fruit in competition in any English market and win on merit.

TIMETABLE DRAWN FROM SINGING BIRDS

Enterprising Frenchman Prepares a Nature's Horologe

In view of the sporting season, a Frenchman has drawn up a time table from the singing of the birds. The charting was read in the earliest of birds. He is heard between 1 and 2 o'clock. About 2:30 the blackcap begins his song. At 3 o'clock the quail, the friend of unhappy devotees, commences. Pay 'tes dettes! Pay 'tes dettes! Next comes the redbreast. At 4 o'clock the blackbird's beautiful song is heard. Between 4 o'clock and half past 4 the tomitt begins his little grinding chirrup, which would irritate were it not for the law of compensation, which gives this little fellow his charming acrobatic manners, clinging to any suitable food hung pendulum fashion. Surprising as it may seem, the enterprising adventurer, certified as nothing but the cat, does not begin his chirrup until 5 o'clock or half past. It is said this gormand, brawler, hardy, intellectual, amusing in his effrontery, should be a sluggard.

FEELING CANOPY FOR WEDDING CEREMONY

Loretta Anna Chipman Is Bride of Chester Rowell Gordon at Sacramento

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Nov. 6.—The most brilliant social affair of the week was the wedding Wednesday evening at St. Paul's Episcopal church of Miss Loretta Anna Chipman and Chester Rowell Gordon. About 300 invitations had been sent out and the church was crowded. Decorations were of tall ferns, huckleberry and blossoms. Within the altar a canopy effect was made with a bank of ferns. The feature of the decorations, however, was the aisle of chrysanthemums, up which the bridal party walked. The ushers, Frank Reynolds, William D. Coats, Clyde Cutting and Ivan Macindoo, of Fresno led the party to the strains of the Mendelssohn wedding march, played by Miss Zulettia Geary, and were followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Geraldine Hubbard, Miss Florence Gill, Miss Max Cunningham and Miss Geoffrey Hall. The maid of honor, Miss Ssthill Stephens, followed. Little Adelades Terry, the flower girl, preceded the bride. Miss Chipman was given away by her uncle, Joseph E. Terry. Rev. Charles E. Farrar pronounced the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are now in the southland on their honeymoon.

Miss Helen Pierce, Miss Eleanor Beard, Miss Zanita Drake and Miss Clara Phinney were hostesses last evening at a ball given in the Elks hall. Several college students made special trips up over the weekend, among them being Miss Emily Harold, Samuel Day Taylor, Elmer Breckenfield and Morgan in R.

Miss Pauline and Miss Lucille Johnston entertained a number of the younger set Thursday afternoon at bridge. Those seated at the tables were:

- Miss Ethel Well, Miss Lola Norris, Miss Helen Franz, Miss Myrtle Sorogus, Miss Helen Lightner, Miss Lillian McMurtry, Miss Edna Colford, Miss Ethel Phillips, Miss Josephine Flaherty, Miss Marie Duffy, Miss Amy Kelly, Miss Edna Jones, Miss Gail Kest, Miss Rosalie Silius, Miss Willa Lohner, Miss Viva Kelly.

Mrs. Archibald Tell presided over a delightful bridge afternoon Thursday, at which 25 guests enjoyed her hospitality. The guests included:

- Mrs. Frederick Martin, Mrs. Harry Thorp, Mrs. J. W. Hughes, Mrs. E. C. Hart, Mrs. C. E. Saunders, Mrs. J. H. Herold, Mrs. C. F. Prentiss, Mrs. John Q. Brown, Mrs. Charles Tranoon, Mrs. J. Henry Miller, Mrs. Fredrick Kuebel, Mrs. William Snowball, Mrs. Harry MacMasters, Mrs. A. M. Seymour, Mrs. Frederick D. Johnson, Mrs. William Beckman, Mrs. E. E. Earle, Mrs. Homer E. McKee, Mrs. Henry E. Wright, Mrs. Warren Douglas, Mrs. R. R. Carr, Mrs. J. Clarence Carly, Mrs. R. F. Smith, Mrs. O. F. Washburn.

The hospitality of Mrs. Peter Cook of Rio Vista was extended Tuesday to a party which made the trip down the river in motor boats. Mrs. Cook was assisted by Mrs. Edward Charles and Mrs. T. A. Spivry of Rio Vista. Covers were laid for the following Sacramentans:

- Mrs. O. F. Washburn, Mrs. John A. Morythan, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Mrs. Regina Gorman, Mrs. Chauncey B. Cook, Mrs. F. A. Edinger, Mrs. E. J. Caragher, Mrs. John S. Chambers, Mrs. J. Henry Miller, Mrs. Sol Burman.

The hospitality of Miss Neva Curtis was extended Saturday to a number of guests in compliment to Miss Edith Gillett. The guests included:

- Mrs. G. A. Stark, Miss Eleanor Beard, Mrs. W. C. Wright, Miss Selma Lavenson, Mrs. Harry Krebs, Miss Ruby Siller, Mrs. Homer E. McKee, Miss Esther Jones, Mrs. Regina McKeown, Miss Lenore Calkins, Mrs. Lappe Ludden, Miss Gertrude Runyan, Mrs. Warren Reed, Miss Marjorie May, Mrs. Alva Burr, Miss Gertrude Egan, Mrs. C. L. McGowan, Miss Gertrude Egan, Mrs. William Williams, Miss Kathryn Egan, Miss Letta Jones, Miss Valentine McClatchy, Miss Augustus Quisen, Miss Emily Gillis, Miss Eleanor Baldwin, Miss Nina Heilborn, Miss Evelyn Macdonald, Miss Helen Adams, Miss Jeanette Hatch, Miss Florence Grau, Miss Grace Smith, Miss Gretchen Grau, Miss Evelyn Colgan, Miss Priscilla Williams, Miss Edith Colgan, Miss Elizabeth Donnie, Miss Hazel McKevitt, Miss Esther Hill, Miss Clara Phinney, Miss Kathryn Denton, Miss Zanita Drake, Miss May Pratt, Miss Mary Lindley, Miss Belinda Pratt, Miss Lella Lindley, Miss Miriam Pond.

PERSONAL MENTION Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grau have returned from a tour of the east. Miss Ethel Phipps has returned to San Mateo after a fortnight's visit with Mrs. Homer E. McKee. Miss Mae Helman has returned from San Francisco. Mrs. Russell J. Waters of Los Angeles is visiting in Sacramento. Miss Elizabeth Fritsch is visiting Mrs. Alice Keller Foster in San Francisco. Miss Gertrude Leoman has as her house guest Miss Edith Nelson of Oakland. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Teck are visiting in San Francisco. Miss Eleanor Hook of Fruitvale is the guest of Miss Claire Phelan. Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Todd have returned from their honeymoon and are at home at Mrs. Todd's mother, Mrs. E. H. McKee.

PROHIBITIONISTS FIGHT HARD IN NEW MEXICO

SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 6.—The effort to write state wide prohibition into the constitution of the new state of New Mexico is expected to come up in the convention here this week. Delegations from the Anti-Saloon league and the W. C. T. U. have been in constant attendance at the constitutional convention and petitions innumerable have been presented, all praying that the liquor traffic be outlawed. A special committee has been appointed to take charge of this question and the intention is to hold public hearings before final report.

Army and Navy Orders

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Army orders have been issued as follows: Major H. P. Young, quartermaster, will permanently take charge of the quartermaster's depot at San Francisco and assume the duties of general superintendent of the army transport service at that place. Major Perry E. Trippe, third cavalry, is transferred to the Fourteenth cavalry and will proceed to San Francisco and report to the commanding general, department of California, for temporary duty pending sailing of transport for Philippines. Captain Allen J. Greer, acting judge advocate, is relieved from duty at headquarters, department of California, and will proceed to Vancouver barracks for duty as judge advocate of that department. The Eighth cavalry will be sent to the Philippine Islands, sailing December 3, and the Seventh cavalry, sailing February 2, to replace the Thirteenth and Twelfth regiments, which will return to the United States. NAVY ORDERS: Passed Assistant Paymaster J. E. Hornberger has been ordered to duty at the navy yard, Mare Island. The following cable has been received from the commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet at Olongapo: Lieutenant W. H. Tox, Ensigns R. E. Taylor, P. T. Kays and Passed Assistant Surgeon F. M. Munson are detached from the Commodore to the Buffalo. Ensigns B. A. Dyckman and J. M. Dugan are detached from the Buffalo to the Commodore. Ensigns B. E. Ware Jr. and R. R. Smith and Passed Assistant Surgeon J. M. Munson are detached from the Buffalo to the Commodore. Ensign S. M. Clement, detached from the Buffalo to the Mindoro.

BOY IS HURT BY RUMPA WALKER HORSE

Sacramento Lad Thrown From His Bicycle and Skull Is Fractured

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Nov. 6.—Ray Smith, 9 year old son of Whaley Smith, foreman with the Southern Pacific company, sustained a fractured skull and probably fatal injuries when he was run down by a runaway horse last night. The Smith boy was riding his bicycle when the horse collided with him, and trampled on him. Harry Flores and Charles Medina were also painfully injured before the horse ended its wild flight.

Y. W. C. A. TEAMS GAIN MANY NEW MEMBERS

Roll of Organization at Sacramento Increased 625

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Nov. 6.—Through the efforts of six competitive teams the membership roll of the Young Women's Christian association of Sacramento has increased 625 names in the last week. The rivalry between the teams has been keen, and it is proposed to get 1,000 new members into the institution within ten days from starting.

STOCKTON PLANS FOR BUSINESSMEN'S TRIP

San Franciscans to Visit in April or May

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Nov. 6.—Warren Manley, commercial representative of the Merchants' association of San Francisco, has been in Stockton making arrangements for the businessmen's excursion to this city between the middle of April and the first of May. The visitors will spend a day and a night here.

SAN FRANCISCAN'S AUTO BREAKS DOWN; ROBBED

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SANTA CLARA, Nov. 6.—An automobile belonging to J. C. Allen of the American gas fixture company of San Francisco and containing seven residents of that city, broke down shortly before 12 o'clock last night on the San Francisco road west of here. The party left the machine and came here and on returning to it this morning they discovered that the machine had been robbed of the following articles: Four inner tubes, one headlight, two side lights, clock, two pumps and one prestolite tank, making a total value of several hundred dollars.

BLOTTING PAPER MADE AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT

It is problematical to say the least, if a thousand persons of the countless millions who today will be using blotting paper have ever speculated how it came into use. A French newspaper, however, has been enlightening its readers on the subject. The discovery was the result of an accident. Some time in the last century an operative in mills in Berkshire omitted to put the size into his pulp. When the paper was rolled it was deemed useless, and the unfortunate workman was discharged. Some days afterward, when they were about to throw the paper away, some one discovered its power of absorption, and tried it with some written matter. The old hand with which up to that time had been used for drying ink was discarded and the workman reinstated and rewarded for his negligence. In comparatively recent years millers in remote places sprinkled over their sheets accounts to dry the ink.

WOMAN BORN IN 1784 DISCOVERED IN BULGARIA

It was recently stated that the oldest woman in the world was Mme. Duskevitz of Posen, who was born on February 21, 1785. Now it has been discovered that a Bulgarian ancient has a stronger claim. She is Mme. Bababasilka, who was born in May, 1784, in the little village of Barelsko. There she has passed her whole life. She remembers very well events which occurred in the early days of the last century, better in fact than she does those of 40 years ago. She is now nearly 100, and between them they make her a little allowance. For nearly a century she was engaged in farm work.

COUNTY TYRONE GETS IN LINE

We had a recent letter from W. Hanna, a druggist in Bangor, County Down, Ireland, to the effect that wonders were being worked among some people there and that they had asked him to stock the goods that was getting such unusual results.

The same mail brought a letter from Baxter & Co., chemists in Ballymore, County Antrim, saying that they needed it there and asking terms. He is recommending it to many sufferers and that they want the agency for County Tyrone. He writes: "We experience difficulty in getting sufficient quantity to meet the rapidly increasing demand."

All of this comes from the simple fact that a resident of Castleberg in the north of Ireland had Bright's disease. Hearing that it was being cured in California, he got his druggist to send to San Francisco for Fulto's Renal Compound. It evidently got the usual results, and they told their neighbors, for more orders followed and knowledge of the treatment is spreading well over the north of Ireland.

And yet there are people in this city who have chronic kidney disease who don't have to send 7,000 miles, but are weakening under futile orthodox prescriptions and commercial patents. Chronic kidney disease, rated as hopeless the world over, is now curable in a majority of cases and the recoveries are attracting attention from Ireland to India. A recent patient was the secretariat of Allahabad, India, who sent all the way to California, due to the fact that a recovery had come under his notice.

Fulto's Renal Compound is so mild a child can take it and it can be taken with or without the physicians' prescriptions. In cases not serious enough to be in physicians' hands it commonly gets results alone.

After a most careful discussion and deliberate consideration the following organizations have decided that the best interests of the city and state would be served by the defeat of Senate Amendment No. 1:

- Chamber of Commerce
- San Francisco Labor Council
- Merchants' Association
- Merchants' Exchange
- California State Federation of Labor
- San Francisco Clearing House Ass'n
- Mission Promotion Association

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Secure all the Advantages from Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 1 To Be Voted on November 8th

According to Amendment No. 1 the property of the public service corporations may be worth millions of dollars, but only their income is taxable. On the other hand the ordinary citizen must be taxed according to the value of his property, regardless of the amount of his income. Figure out for yourself the injustice of this system, especially in hard times.

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Sacramento, Cal., November 4, 1910. The statement which was prepared for my signature and which I signed, in regard to Amendment No. 1, in which it is stated that the banks were practically alone in the state opposing Amendment No. 1, was too sweeping. I find that the banks have been joined by civic associations, chambers of commerce, merchants' associations, boards of trade, prominent merchants, manufacturers and others in this effort; and it is unfair to localize the opposition to No. 1 on the banks, as they are joined by many prominent bodies. I make this statement in fairness to all, but still reserve my opinion that Amendment No. 1 provides ample machinery to enable the legislatures of the future to make full provision for the university and the public schools, and that they will pass all laws necessary to make full provision.

(Signed) J. N. GILLETTE, Governor of California.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the board of directors of the Merchants' association at their last meeting:

Whereas, Revenues necessary to maintain the state of California are about \$8,000,000 per annum; and

Whereas, The commission on revenue and taxation, in their report issued in 1910, have estimated the revenue that would have been raised this year, if senate constitutional Amendment No. 1 had been in effect, at the sum of \$7,998,845.87; and

Whereas, In making said estimate the commission has made several mistakes, notable among which are—

First, That the commission has not taken into account the fact that all corporations affected by the constitutional amendment, except banks, may deduct from the taxes to be paid by them to the state an amount equal to the taxes paid by them to pay the principal and interest of any bonded indebtedness created and now outstanding by any city, city and county, county, town, township or district; and

Second, That the commission figures the assessed valuation of franchises of all corporations subject to have their franchises taxed under the constitutional amendment at the sum of \$99,098,183.

Whereas, Such franchises are now only assessed at the sum of, approximately, \$20,000,000, which means that if the revenues anticipated are to be raised these franchises must be assessed at four times their present value, which is an estimate that does not appear at all likely of attainment; and

Whereas, The public service corporations alone in the city and county of San Francisco and Los Angeles only will be permitted to deduct from their taxes to the state the sum of approximately \$570,000 as taxes paid to pay interest and principal on outstanding bonded indebtedness; and

Whereas, To this sum must be added similar deductions, which public service corporations in the other counties of the state will be permitted to make, and deductions which insurance companies and all corporations taxed, except banks, will be permitted to make in every county of the state; and

Whereas, Those deductions, when made, will leave a deficit in state revenues, which is conservatively estimated at over \$1,500,000; and

Whereas, By reason of the obligation of the state to reimburse until 1918 all counties of the state adversely affected by the adoption of this constitutional amendment, a further deduction must be made; and

Whereas, As any deficit in state revenues must be raised by an ad valorem tax; and

Whereas, This deficit, as to its greater amount, will continue for many years during the lives of the present outstanding bonded indebtedness in the various counties, and that therefore this constitutional amendment will not bring about the separation of state and local taxation, which was its main purpose to effect; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the board of directors of the Merchants' association of San Francisco recommends that senate constitutional Amendment No. 1 be defeated for the foregoing reasons, in addition to those reasons already given by this board to the members of this association.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO (Signed) M. H. ROBBINS JR., President.

(Signed) L. M. KING, Secretary.

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