

ALL CLAIMANTS ON EQUAL TERMS

Charles C. Moore Not to Be Preferred Creditor in Case of J. A. Folger, Bankrupt

United States Circuit Court of Appeals Defines Equity of Bankruptcy Law

That Charles C. Moore is not to be a preferred creditor in the case of J. A. Folger, a bankrupt, was the significance of a decision handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals yesterday on a petition for a revision of the judgment of the district court overruling the demurrer to the petition in bankruptcy praying that Folger be adjudged a bankrupt.

The same court yesterday handed down decisions in two cases of Henry Cook against C. J. Robinson and the Fairbanks Banking company affirming the decisions of the district court of Alaska against the plaintiff who sought to obtain property under attachment given as security on promissory notes issued by Robinson, a bankrupt.

WHAT'S IN A CITY HALL COGNOMEN?

The much maligned temporary city hall, having been the target for objections from almost every department of the city government because of its interior arrangement, came in yesterday for a slap by the board of supervisors at its exterior decorations.

It was in the form of a resolution, introduced by Chairman Payot of the public welfare committee, that the matter came to the board. The resolution requested that, in compliance with the spirit of the charter provision prohibiting the names of city officials upon official stationery, certain officials be instructed to erase their names from the windows of their offices.

PROTEST HOLDS NEAR GIFT BACK

Protests made to the board of supervisors yesterday by an interested property owner and questions raised by certain members of the board as to the value of the property which the city would be giving away without any return caused a postponement of action on the resolution to close the northern portion of Turk street, from Market avenue to Parker avenue.

A member of the West End Betterment club appeared as an individual, however, and voiced a decided protest. Gallagher said the intention was to make Turk street of uniform width and explained that the land had been given to the city by a former archbishop and that he understood that the city had not fulfilled all the requirements of the grant.

TELEPHONE MERGER TO BE ATTACKED

BERKELEY, March 18.—Mayor J. Pitt Wilson, on whose initiative, it is said, Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco took up consideration of the question of acquiring the Home Telephone company plants when that concern petitioned for permission to be merged with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, today issued a statement concerning the merger effected a few days ago.

The telephone franchisees provide that the companies shall not sell out or merge with any company "now" engaged in business in this city. The companies' counsel interpreted "now" to mean at the time the franchisees were granted; hence the companies established since could legally take possession of rival concerns regardless of franchise restrictions.

Supervisors in Busy Session

TRAFFIC LAW IS PASSED BY BOARD

New Ordinance Probably Most Comprehensive Adopted by Any American City

The new traffic ordinance, wiping out all existing ordinances and combining all traffic regulations into a single law of exhaustive scope, was passed to print yesterday by the board of supervisors. The new ordinance, drafted by Supervisor Andrew J. Gallagher after months of study and investigation, combines the best features of the traffic regulations of all the important cities in the country and is probably the most comprehensive law of its kind ever put into effect in an American municipality.

The traffic ordinance deals with every conceivable feature of traffic regulation, from the handling of traffic in the most crowded streets to the matter of speed for automobiles and cars in the outlying districts. It enlarges the powers of the traffic squad, provides for police control over the movements of streetcars, as well as other vehicles, and makes many changes which will be decided upon by the board of supervisors.

A resolution of intention, providing the first step toward the building of the Twin Peaks tunnel, was passed on recommendation of the tunnels committee of the board. The Fillmore street tunnel matter was put over for three weeks at the request of the exposition directors, who are attempting to obtain the payment of taxes by the lessors of lands included in the exposition grounds and which would be within the jurisdiction of the district for the tunnel. The city engineer was instructed to report as quickly as possible on the best location for the proposed Fort Mason tunnel.

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

As one means of providing more work for unemployed in San Francisco, the board adopted a resolution asking the state to begin work as soon as possible on the new armory to be erected at Fourteenth and Mission streets, or which plans are ready and funds available.

EXPERT NOT NEEDED

"We don't need an expert or anybody else to tell us that the service is rotten," he said, "and it doesn't require an expert to see that more cars will make it better."

Provision was made for the grading of the northerly end of Polk street by the adoption of a resolution to change grade, the purpose being to provide a new route to the government transport terminal and to the exposition territory. The streets committee was warned, however, to investigate the franchise rights of the United Railroads in the use of such portion of the street before proceeding too far.

MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

Items of \$55,000 each were authorized out of the 1908 bond issue for the construction and equipment of the Starr King school at Twenty-fifth and Utah streets and the Le Conte school at Norwich, Alabama and Harrison streets. An additional \$4,500 was voted out of the same bond issue for the preparation of plans and specifications for other schools.

NONRESIDENT EMPLOYEES SUBJECTS OF PROTESTS

Several protests against the payment of the salary demand of Samuel Bertram, superintendent of engines of the fire department, have been received by Auditor Boyle. The protests are founded on the allegation that Bertram's home is in Oakland. Boyle has received a number of protests against paying salaries to municipal employees, all based on the non-resident grounds.

MUZZLES, AND NOT 'PHONE MERGER TO BE INVESTIGATED

Coyotes in Suto Park Cause Grave Discussion in Which Rolph Leads

Dogs must be muzzled. Mayor Rolph and Supervisor Payot, backed by five other members of the board of supervisors, made a final plea for canine freedom at the meeting of the supervisors yesterday, but the "houn laws" ordinance as originally framed by the health committee was passed by a unanimous vote after a substitute had been denied by a vote of 6 to 11.

The mayor took the stand that the greatest danger from rabies lies in the fact that stray dogs are allowed to run at large and infect the Suto forest is infested with coyotes.

"If you muzzle the dogs," said Rolph, "it will be impossible to run the coyotes out of the forest. They can not be held in a trap nor poisoned. The only sure method of exterminating them is to run them out with a pack of hounds, and this would be impossible if the hounds were muzzled."

PAYOT'S SUBSTITUTE

The discussion opened when Payot introduced a substitute for the ordinance originally introduced by Supervisor Cagliari. Payot's substitute provided that all stray dogs be impounded, that licenses be required, and that by least also be taken up and held in the pound a reasonable time or until called for by the owner, and that the mayor, after July 1, have the power to handle the muzzling of dogs at his discretion.

This last clause is a copy of the Denver ordinance. The punishment provided in Payot's ordinance was reduced in a resolution calling attention to the fact that the charter makes no distinction between men and women in the matter of salaries and declaring for equal pay for equal service, regardless of sex.

Supervisor Koshland, who introduced a resolution last week summarily calling upon the United Railroads to operate 100 more cars than at present, objected that these substitute ordinances did not go far enough.

THOSE "LITTLE" DISEASES

Why Convalescent Children Need the Most Tender and Watchful Care

Whooping Cough, Measles, Mumps and Chicken-pox are classed as "mild," "little" or "childish" diseases. Parents would be surprised to learn how often these "trifling" complaints lead to fatal results.

Whooping Cough, for instance, causes more deaths than diabetes. "Childish" diseases leave their little victims weak and therefore liable to savage attacks of Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Influenza, Catarrh, Tuberculosis, Long-lasting indigestion, failure of appetite and bowel difficulty, are traceable to the same source.

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Supervisors Unanimously Direct City Attorney to Report on Home Company Sale

By unanimous action of the board of supervisors, the city of San Francisco went upon record yesterday afternoon as determined to drill at once to legal bedrock in the matter of the quiet sale of the Home Telephone company to the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, which was accomplished last week.

Action in regard to the telephone merger was taken by the board of supervisors following a special meeting of the public utilities committee yesterday morning, at which the matter was discussed thoroughly, and turned upon a resolution introduced by the committee directing the city attorney to investigate the legal status of the case at once and advise the board what method to pursue.

The city attorney was asked to give an opinion as to whether the transfer was in contravention or violation of the franchise rights of the Home Telephone company, whether recovery might be had by the city on the company's bond of \$250,000 and whether, if the transfer were against public policy, the city might begin legal proceedings through an action on quo warranto or otherwise to have the sale declared null and void.

Chairman Vogelsang of the public utilities committee called attention to the fact that the Home Telephone company has on file a bond of \$250,000 to insure its adherence to franchise provisions, and suggested that this might be made the object of attack. Supervisor Andrew Gallagher suggested that quicker action might be had by instructing the city attorney to take whatever action it is possible to take and to proceed at once without reporting to the board.

Vogelsang said, however, that such a resolution would not necessarily result in gaining time, as the city attorney must look to the board for authority to proceed.

"He has to move to meet the attorneys of the telephone company, who have given this careful study and, undoubtedly, have prepared to meet an attack," said Vogelsang. "The city attorney must prepare himself to meet

the combined forces of the best attorneys the telephone company has been able to obtain, and we want to be sure of our ground. The other side moved silently in this matter and did something we did not expect. We must act carefully."

CRIPPLE "SHOOTS UP" LOS ANGELES CHURCH

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Hobbling on crutches into St. Vincent's church at noon today, an old man, who later gave his name as Matthew Kelly, fired seven shots at persons attending the services. He shot himself in the finger and was the only one injured. Kelly was taken into custody by the police. Receiving hospital physicians declared he was suffering from senile decay. He referred to himself as the "new commander" and said he was 80 years old, but refused to give his address.

that the city would be able to recover on the bond of the telephone company.

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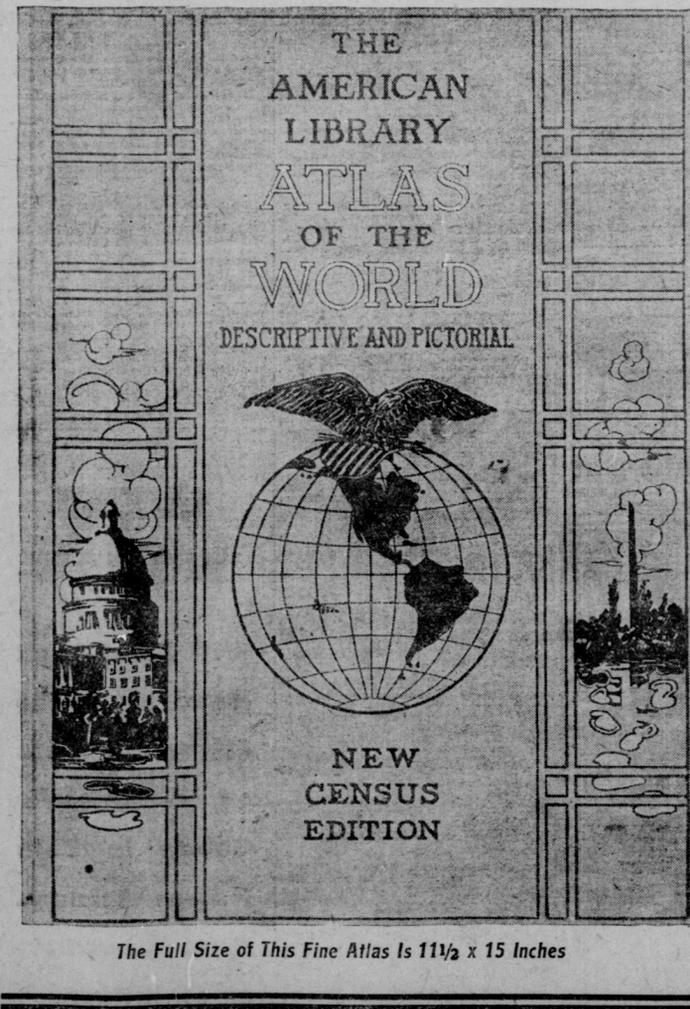
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