

NEW TRAINS; PUBLIC SERVICE UNDER CONTROL

Railroad Commission Assumes Broad Powers for General Welfare Tomorrow

Six Departments Organized to Expedite Transaction of Large Business

The new public utilities act, passed by the last legislature, will become effective tomorrow and will inaugurate a new era in economic and commercial affairs in California.

The act was passed by the legislature at its extraordinary session last December, and was signed by Governor Johnson December 23.

The powers conferred will be exercised by the reorganized railroad commission, of five members, each of whom will receive a salary of \$6,000 a year.

The commissioners are: President John M. Eschleman, H. D. Loveland, Alex. Gordon, E. O. Edgerston and Max Thelen. Their terms expire January 3, 1915, at which time the governor will appoint five successors.

The commission is given power to regulate and control all the public utilities of the state, except that the incorporated cities and towns, including the city and county of San Francisco, retain all powers over public utilities which they now have.

"Public utilities" include railroads, street railroads, express companies, sleeping, dining, fruit and other car companies; vessels engaged in transportation over regular routes between points within the state; pipe lines, gas plants, electric plants, telephone lines, telegraph lines, water systems, public wharves and warehouses used in connection with the transportation of property by a common carrier.

The act confers upon the commission broad powers with reference to these utilities. The commission will have authority to fix the rates, regulate service, equipment, facilities, extensions and supervise the issues of stocks, bonds and other securities of all public service corporations.

No public utility will have the right to sell any of its property or dispose of its franchises, or merge or consolidate with another public service corporation, or issue any securities without having first obtained the consent of the commission.

The act provides that any person or corporation who violates any provision of the commission or who acts done or omitted by a public service corporation in violation of the law, and provides for simple procedure before the commission to the end that complaints may be disposed of quickly without regard to the technical rules of evidence.

The act also provides a simple and speedy procedure in the courts on appeal from the commission.

SIX BUREAUS ORGANIZED In order to handle the large volume of business, the commission has organized the following six departments: Office of legal, rate, engineering, statistics and accounts, and service.

The office department will be headed by Secretary Charles R. Detrick, the legal department by Commissioner Max Thelen, who retains his position as attorney for the commission.

The rate department will handle rate matters affecting public utilities and will be headed by late Expert H. H. Sanborn.

The engineering department will have charge of the entire engineering work of the commission and also all service matters affecting railroad and other transportation and water companies and will be headed by Chief Engineer E. A. Thorne, who will be for nine years chief engineer of the Texas railroad commission.

NEW YORK EXPERT CHIEF The department of statistics and accounts will supervise the annual reports and accounting systems and prepare information required by the commission in its hearings on rates, stock and bond issues and other matters. L. R. Reynolds is the head of this department.

The service department will have charge of all matters affecting the service of gas, electrical, telephone and telegraph companies, and of wharves and warehouses, and will be headed by Henry C. Hazzard, until recently chief of the department of light, heat and power of the public service commission of the second district of New York.

Today's Meetings of Improvement Clubs THIRD FRIDAY Silver Heights Improvement club, 47 Maple street. Twin Peaks Improvement club, 1120 Second and Douglas streets. Fillmore Street Improvement club (city center meeting), Golden Gate Commandery hall. Eureka Valley Improvement club (city center meeting), Collingwood hall, Eighteenth and Collingwood streets. Buena Vista Improvement club (city center meeting), 2203 Nineteenth street. Twenty-fourth Street Improvement club (city center meeting), Meacham hall.

CHINESE GIRL IS JAILED AS BURGLAR

Warrant Served on Eve of Departure for Orient to Escape Slavery

As she was about to board the liner Manchuria yesterday, Shue May, a Chinese slave girl who sought to return to her native land, was arrested by Detective Timothy Bailey on a warrant charging burglary.

Friends of the girl say that the warrant was issued as a ruse to prevent her leaving San Francisco.

Miss Donaldina Cameron of the Chinese Presbyterian mission gave bond for the girl and took her to the headquarters of the society, where she will be kept pending a hearing.

Shue May told the police that she had been in San Francisco four years, and saved her earnings to buy her liberty, but Lee Fong refused to let her leave this country and enlisted the aid of the powerful Bing Kong tong. She told Miss Cameron last week that she had bought her liberty and intended to board the Manchuria at the last moment.

JAP FOUND SKETCHING MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD Oriental Suspected of Being Spy Detained by Police

VALLEJO, March 21.—J. Katamachi, a Japanese, was arrested here today on suspicion of being a spy and when he was searched at the city hall his pockets were found to be filled with postal card pictures of the Mare Island and Bremerton navy yards.

Yatamachi declared that he was not a spy, and that he had gathered the post cards as would any traveler. He said that he came to Vallejo Tuesday night to visit friends.

Yatamachi was released after Chief Stanford had been told by Commander Mayo of Mare Island that he could not issue an order to hold him, as he had not been in the navy yard.

WOMEN INTERESTED IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

STOCKTON, March 21.—Women took a prominent part in the third "organization luncheon" of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce today at Hotel Stockton.

Representatives of the Grocers' association, Red Cross, Arbor club, Philomathean club, Probation committee and other organizations delivered minute addresses.

President Nims called attention to the fact that California's citizenship had been increased 50 per cent by reason of woman suffrage.

Mayor George E. Lawrence of Lodi spoke for the Tokay City. Referring to the ladies present, he said: "Every man should feel proud of their citizenship. I think we men voted them the right because we are of a sympathetic nature."

The luncheon was largely attended and the women manifested great interest.

STOCKTON IN RACE FOR NATIVE SONS' FESTIVAL

RUSH GEARY ROAD WORK, SAYS MAYOR

Rolph Joins City Engineering Department for Delay in Construction

Mayor Rolph jolted the city engineering department and board of public works Wednesday in his determination to see construction work begun at once on the car barns and substation of the Geary street road.

When the public utility committee hesitated about its authority to order the preparation of plans Rolph assumed full responsibility.

"I'll take this responsibility," he said. "Now, I say to the board of public works that we want you to furnish as expeditiously as possible, plans and specifications according to the two ideas presented here today."

"That to work on them all the men you can, and if you need more men get them. Give the work to one reliable contractor, fix a lump sum for the entire job, and provide a penalty for delay and a bonus for completion of the work within less than the specified time."

City Engineer Loren Hunt stated that the amount already expended and contracted for is \$562,000, which includes all material purchased or ordered for the road from Fifth avenue to Kearny street. The total construction cost is \$2,850,000. For track construction \$100,000 has been spent and \$400,000 remains to be expended. Hunt estimated that the track construction can be finished in six months.

PRISONER SAID TO BE INSANE IS RELEIVED

MURDERER FROM SAN FRANCISCO Asks for Clemency

SACRAMENTO, March 21.—Charles Carson, condemned to hang at Folsom next Friday, was relieved for 30 days today by Governor Johnson on the assurance of Warden Rely that the prisoner is insane. A commission will examine the case.

Carson was sentenced to hang for participation in the prison break several years ago.

Speaker A. H. Hewitt of the state assembly today sought to have the governor extend clemency to Walter Westwood by commuting a sentence of life imprisonment and thus making it possible for the prisoner to obtain parole.

Westwood was born in Yuba City and when he was only 16 years old killed a man in San Francisco.

Westwood was shot in the back of the head at the time, and it is said that on account of nervousness his finger pressed the trigger, exploding the revolver unintentionally.

ANOTHER COLLIER FOR MARE ISLAND URGED

Record on Prometheus and Jupiter Establishes Claim

VALLEJO, March 21.—Strenuous efforts are to be made by the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce aided by the Vallejo Labor union to obtain another collier for construction at Mare Island, with the idea of having the work started just as soon as the Jupiter leaves the ways.

The officials on Mare Island are as a unit in the opinion that this yard should have a collier on the ways at all times.

It is believed by the Vallejo commercial body that their efforts will meet with success, as the record by the Mare Island workmen on the Prometheus and the Jupiter will provide a claim that congress and the department heads can not overlook.

"DRY" LECTURER'S GLASS FILLED WITH WHISKY

ARCHITECT NAMED FOR FERRY ANNEX

L. B. Dutton Company to Prepare Plans for Buildings and Viaduct

In a resolution passed by the state advisory board it was announced at yesterday's meeting of the harbor commission that the L. B. Dutton company had been selected to prepare plans for the two new ferry buildings which it is proposed to build adjacent to the present building and for the viaduct from the second story of the ferry building to the north and south sides of Market street.

The architect's compensation was fixed at 5 per cent of the cost of the work. This fee will cover everything, including architectural supervision during construction.

Several sets of plans for the viaduct across Market street have been made and this is the third or fourth time that the project has been the subject of resolution. Former attempts to make this improvement have failed through lack of funds. Money for the work is available out of the \$2,000,000 bond issue, and this time the project probably will go through.

The Pacific Coast Maritime Builders' federation, through Thomas McConnell, president, asked the board that the building of public drydocks be made part of the plan for improving the port's facilities. McConnell stated that the shipwrights, ship caulkers and ship joiners are locked out from the use of any of the drydocks in San Francisco or Oakland, which he says are controlled by the Master Shipwrights' association of San Francisco.

VALLEJO CHAMP CLARK CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

VALLEJO, March 21.—A meeting of the Champ Clark club was held in the court room of justice of the Peace Arthur Lindauer last evening. J. J. Madigan was elected permanent chairman, W. H. Palmer secretary and T. V. Collins treasurer. It was reported that Theodore A. Bell would open the campaign for Clark in this city shortly after the first of April. It was made known at the meeting that a number of Vallejo democrats favor the candidacy of Frank R. Devlin for congress and would cast their vote for the local man at the primary, if that could be done without jeopardizing prospects of Clark.

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GENERAL BRUSH TO RELINQUISH POST

Commander of California Department Asks to Be Relieved Prior to Retirement

Brigadier General Daniel H. Brush, commander of the department of California, with headquarters at Fort Miles, is to be relieved from duty April 12, at his own request. This announcement was received from Washington yesterday and confirmed by General Brush. He is scheduled for retirement for age May 8. No successor has been selected for the departmental command. General Brush is a native of Illinois and a veteran of the civil, Indian, Spanish and Philippine wars.

Colonel and Mrs. J. P. Wisser entertained last evening at dinner in honor of Colonel and Mrs. John A. Lundeen, the former commander of the Presidio reservation. A number of guests were bidden to meet them.

Captain Morton F. Smith, Twentieth infantry, aide de camp, has been appointed inspector of small arms practice of the division, vice Lieutenant Colonel Alexander O. Brodie, adjutant general, who has been relieved from that duty.

Second Lieutenant Robert Sears, First infantry, has been ordered to proceed from Vancouver barracks to the Presidio of Monterey, where he will be detailed for duty as a member of the permanent staff of the school of musketry.

First Lieutenant O. C. Nichols, Thirtieth infantry, recently promoted to a captaincy, has been assigned to the same regiment and will accompany it, to Alaska in June. First Lieutenant Irving J. Palmer, also promoted, has been transferred from the Eleventh to the Thirtieth.

NEW QUESTION FOR THE RAILROAD COMMISSION

SACRAMENTO, March 21.—The state board of equalization today passed to the attorney general and the railroad commission the task of ascertaining whether the river express, Sonoma express and Platt's express of Napa should be assessed by the state board. If not, they will be assessed by the county assessors. The three companies handle business from San Francisco to country points by water.

OCEAN SHORE ROAD MAY BE ENJOINED

Stock Holder, Alleged Delinquent, Sues to Prevent Sale of His Shares

After filing a suit against the bond holders' committee of the Ocean Shore railroad to have certain actions of the directors set aside and to restrain them from selling his stock as delinquent, J. J. McDade obtained an order from Judge J. M. Sewell yesterday citing the directors to show cause at 10 o'clock this morning why they should not be enjoined from disposing of the delinquent stock.

The suit of McDade is entered also on behalf of each and all stock holders of the Ocean Shore who may join in the suit or become parties thereto, according to the complaint drawn up by Attorney Arthur Crane.

McDade asks that the action of the bond holders December 4, 1911, in transferring properties of the Ocean Shore to the bond holders' committee, as a corporation be set aside; that the directors of the road be removed and the stock holders empowered to select a new board, and that a receiver be appointed, pending the hearing of the suit, to prevent any changes in the affairs of the road.

The plaintiff also asks that in event of his application for temporary injunction being denied he may pay into court his assessments and expenses of the 65 shares of stock which he seeks to have declared not delinquent, pending the hearing of the suit.

All of the stock that became delinquent through order of the directors was sold recently with the exception of the 65 shares held by McDade, who has grounds for suit, according to Attorney Crane.

NEW TRIAL REFUSED IN RANCHO EL SOBRANO SUIT

MARTINEZ, March 21.—The motion for a new trial in the case of Adams against Emily K. Hopkins, known as the Rancho el Sobrano partition suit, was denied today by Superior Judge T. W. Harris of Oakland presiding in the Contra Costa court. The arguments have been in progress here all the week.

The motion to vacate the judgment was also denied. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court by the estate of Victor Castro and Philip G. Galpin.

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