

RAISIN DAY ROOTERS RAID CITY

All Must Eat Fruit on April 30

AUTO PARADE IS BIG FEATURE OF BOOSTERS' VISIT

Wholesale and Retail Merchants Agree to Lend Aid to Make Fete Success

With the enthusiasm characteristic of San Joaquin valley boosters, a committee representing the raisin growers of Fresno, King and Tulare counties swept down upon San Francisco Monday and yesterday and left last night for Oakland, with all San Francisco pledged to boost, and if possible attend, the Raisin day at Fresno April 30.

Every wholesaler and retailer in the city was visited, and all promised to boost Raisin day. The general public was notified that the raisin district was on the map by five gayly decorated automobiles, banners streaming from which proclaimed that every one must eat raisins on April 30.

MUST EAT RAISINS

The members of the raisin day committee are: A. V. Taylor, Hanford; F. C. Knapp, Fresno; C. L. Walter, Fowler; and J. S. Manley, Fowler. They were accompanied about the city by P. J. Kennedy, Joseph J. Murphy, F. Rosenstein and H. E. Becker, local raisin men. The boosters were taken over the city in automobiles loaned for the occasion by local automobile men.

RAILROADS IN GAME

At Fresno and every other town of the raisin district, all business will stop for the day, while all the residents of the district will gather at Fresno to make merry at carnivals in the different parks. Not only will raisin day be observed in California, but in the east as well. Every railroad in the union will serve a raisin menu on its diners. Former Californians now



Fresno county boosters, who came to this city yesterday to remind San Franciscans of raisin day. From left to right in the automobile are: F. C. Knapp of Fresno, A. V. Taylor of Hanford, J. C. Manley of Fowler and C. L. Walter of Fowler.

living in Chicago will gather at a banquet April 20 and feast on raisins. A. L. Hobbs of Fresno will attend the banquet as the representative of the raisin growers.

One of the principal objects in the raisin day is to create more of a demand for the product in the United States. At present the consumption of raisins in England is three and a half pounds per capita. In the United States it is less than a pound. The Fresno raisin country produces about 60,000 tons of raisins yearly, and this crop brings about \$4,000,000 to the growers each year.

WEIGHT SEALER FIGHTS TO COLLECT SALARY

Suit Brought to Force City to Pay Wages

A petition for a writ of mandate was filed yesterday in the district court of appeal by John McNab, an attorney, in behalf of M. P. Scott, a deputy sealer of weights and measures. The petition states that Scott began work when the salary for that office was regulated and paid by the city. In November, at an election, the arrangement was slightly shifted. Now, it appears, the legislature regulates and pays the salary. Scott alleges he has received no salary since November 21. City Auditor Thomas F. Boyle said he had no authority to pay the wages. The idea is to "compel the auditor to perform an official duty by auditing the demand of the petitioner."

WATER WRANGLES ENDANGER CITY

Spring Valley Attempts to Tie Up Work on Fire Mains Permanently

Aroused at the prospect of a complete tieup of the city's plans for the immediate installation of a high pressure salt water fire protection system, the legal forces of the city and of the contractors installing the plant, Robert C. Storrie & Co. joined forces yesterday before Judge J. M. Seawell to resist the attempt of the Spring Valley Water company to permanently restrain the city and the contractors from interfering with its mains. The Spring Valley already has obtained a temporary restraining order that for a time prevents any work on the salt water mains and seeks to have the injunction made permanent.

Legal forces for both sides argued all day yesterday before Judge Seawell, after which the court took the question under submission. The Spring Valley bases its suit on the action of the contractors in moving a main a distance of 20 inches on Columbus avenue, between Broadway and Vallejo street. The company claims that the contractors tampered with the pipe and tore out 10 service connections. The water corporation asked that interference with its system be prevented. The firm of Page, McCutchen, Knight & Olney represented the Spring Valley.

The contractors were represented by R. H. Countryman and introduced affidavits to show that the necessity of

the work warranted the removal of any obstructing pipes. It was pointed out that the water company had had notice to move its pipes and had failed or refused to do so, therefore the contractors were compelled to do the work themselves. A general demurrer to the complaint was based on those grounds.

Meanwhile City Attorney Long's office filed a suit in intervention on behalf of the city. It was set forth that already 20 miles of mains have been laid for carrying the salt water and a pumping station has been completed. The remaining 60 miles at a total cost for all the work of \$5,800,000 must go forward at once, according to the city

attorney's allegations and the public necessity is such as to sweep aside all other considerations. In addition, however, the city avers that the Spring Valley was given ample notice to remove obstruction mains and the allegation is made that the cost at first would have been barely more than \$20 for one day's work.

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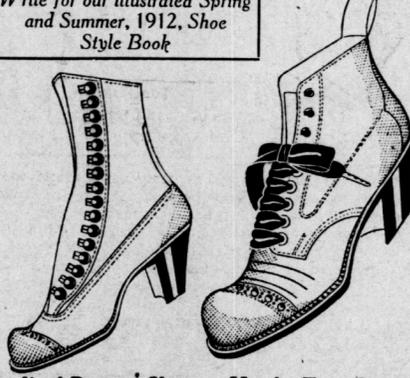
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