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$500,000,000 OF OIL LANDS AT STAKE IN SUIT

Federal Lawyers Confer in San Francisco Regarding Action Against Southern Pacific

Deep Mystery Veils Meeting of Attorneys and Probable Point of Attack

United States Attorney A. I. McCormick of Los Angeles arrived in San Francisco yesterday to confer with Willis N. Mills, special assistant to United States Attorney General Wickersham relative to the government's case against the Southern Pacific Railroad company to recover title to 6,100 acres in the Elk Hills country, Kern county, valued at $15,000,000.

Throughout the day the representatives of the government were in close conference mapping out a plan of campaign for the government when the suit is resumed before Lee Longley, special examiner, in this city July 1. Much new evidence was considered by them and they also talked about the advisability of subpenaing witnesses who have not yet appeared in the case. Just who these prospective witnesses are is a secret that is being carefully guarded by the government officials, but it is certain that some big surprises are imminent.

Disclosures by Charles W. Eberlein, former acting land agent of the Southern Pacific, and George Stone, his assistant, when the two were called as witnesses at the opening of the case in Los Angeles, have opened up new lines of investigation for the government. As a result many witnesses, as yet unknown in the case, are to be subpenaed by the government just before the trial is resumed in this city July 1.

Who are these prospective witnesses?

MANY OFFICIALS QUAKE

That question is interesting many officials of the Southern Pacific who have so far succeeded in keeping out of the case begun by the government to set aside land patents which, the government contends, were secured by reason of fraudulent affidavits as to the character of the land involved.

Already it has become apparent that the government will make a determined effort to gain access to the books of the Southern Pacific company and its dummy corporations, including the Kern Trading and Oil company, which has taken over leases to proven oil lands patented by the Southern Pacific Railroad company. The records which will be laid bare before the court, if the government wins its point, will undoubtedly disclose some startling facts, which will have much weight not only in the suit brought by the government and suits to be brought in the near future, but also in the adjustment of the affairs of stock holders of the Southern Pacific Railroad company.

When C. H. Markham, as vice president of the Southern Pacific company and president of the Kern Trading and Oil company, directed Eberlein to execute a lease from the Southern Pacific Railroad company to the Kern Trading and Oil company of all the oil lands of the parent company, Eberlein questioned the honest intentions of the parties, and refused to sign the lease. This is one of the points that probably will be gone into by the government when the case is resumed and the testimony undoubtedly will be of the greatest importance to the stock holders of the Southern Pacific Railroad company.

CONFERENCE CONTINUES TODAY

Mills and McCormick will continue their conference today and decide on various lines of work to be followed by them before the case is resumed a week from Monday. They have gone very carefully over the evidence already adduced in the case and they purpose to have sufficient other testimony ready for presentation as soon as the railroad company concludes the cross examination of Eberlein, so that they will have their case fully before the court as to the methods followed by the railroad officials in acquiring title to the Elk Hills lands.

The present suit is of very much greater importance than appears on the surface. While it nominally involves 6,100 acres in the Elk Hills country, it deals directly with the suit the government intends filing shortly against the Southern Pacific Railroad company to recover title to 115,000 acres of oil lands in this state.

Instead of involving lands worth $15,000,000 the present suit actually involves lands worth approximately a half billion dollars.

GOLDEN GATE AERIE PLANS HUGE PICNIC

Committee Visits All Bay Divisions to Arouse Interest

The twelfth annual picnic and outing of Golden Gate aerie No. 61, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will take place next Sunday at Shell Mound park. The committee has been exerting efforts to gain publicity for the event and has visited all the bay aeries, creating intense interest.

The committee reports that from all indications the attendance will surpass all previous events and preparations have been made to handle a record breaking crowd.

One of the features of this picnic will be a return match between the members of the police and fire departments tug of war teams. Considerable interest is being displayed by the families and friends of the members of both departments.

The following is the committee on arrangements:

Warren Shannon, chairman; Thomas K. McCarthy, vice chairman; John E. McDougald, treasurer; Louis Whiteman, secretary; J. J. Cusack, Thomas G. Riley, John L. Herget, Henry Ingwersen, James J. McQueeney, Charles E. A. Creighton, J. W. Shinkwin, Robert Morse, Jesse Marks, Joseph I. O'Connell, John Hannan, Robert Troy, Charles McCarthy, John D. Harlow, John A. Feeley, Charles M. Gallagher, Albert J. Heimrath, Louis Herbst, George Davis, Ed Murphy, William P. Kennedy, George Goldman, Dennis Deneehay, Thomas J. Feeley, Joseph P. Harney, John Griffin, Thomas Cronan, Louis Getz, Dennis Byrnes, Oscar Vosbrinck, William Sheridan, Peter McCormick, Frank McManus, James G. Conlan, Frank Reynolds, George O'Neil, George Green, M. Lima, William Murnane, John McGee, Dennis McMahon, Ralph Stockman, George A. Desanfant, F. Colbert, Charles Stewart, Thomas Hammerschlag, V. Matraia, Joseph Murray, Harry F. Smith, George Benham, John Pi Murray, Eugene Larkin, John Kane, B. F. Hanlon, J. J. Cassidy, Michael Daly, Ralph McLaren, Lawrence Dolan, Thomas J. Kennedy, Eugene M. Levy, Joseph P. Kelleher, Lawrence Barry, Eneas Kane, J. Macdonald, John McCarron, John Dwyer, J. J. Pearsall, James M. Brennan.

Fred Cann, Noted Maybray Gangster, Who Is in the Toils

Long Sought Swindler Is Located in Bakersfield Under Name of H. O. Parker

Fred Cann, alias H. O. Parker, a member of the notorious Maybray gang of swindlers, that cleaned up millions of dollars on fake horseraces and fake athletic contests, after eluding the federal authorities for more than three years, was captured in Bakersfield yesterday through the work of Manager William Mundell of the Burns detective agency. A United States marshal from Los Angeles has left for Bakersfield to take charge of the prisoner.

While looking over the register at the Palace a week ago last Saturday, Mundell observed the name of H. O. Parker, registered from Vancouver, B. C. Recalling that there was a notice out for a man named Parker, alleged to have defrauded a bank in Carrizma, N. M., out of hundreds of dollars, the detective took a sample of the handwriting of Parker and found on comparison that it tallied with that of the man wanted. Mundell also found that Parker had sent his trunks to the ferry, and later they were removed, after he had said that he was going to Portland. Further search revealed the fact that instead he had gone to an Ellis street hotel, from which he had departed for San Jose.

Mundell went to San Jose, and was informed that Parker had left the New Montgomery hotel for San Francisco an hour previous. On returning to this city the detective got information that the man had gone to Bakersfield Thursday night, and, through the miscarrying of his trunks, a Burns detective was enabled to get to the oil city in time to take Parker into custody.

During his pursuit of the fugitive Mendell was informed by a friend that Parker was in reality Fred Cann, wanted by the federal authorities as a member of the Maybray gang of swindlers. The informant said that he had talked with Cann Friday, June 7, the day he arrived in this city.

Of the Maybray gang, which originally consisted of 85 members, but a few are now at liberty, the remainder being in the Leavenworth prison.

Cann has admitted his identity to the Burns detective from Los Angeles, according to advices received by the local manager.

WILL GIVES $200,000 TO EDUCATE BOYS

Patrick Campbell's Second Testament Filed and Administrators Appointed

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

SACRAMENTO, June 19.—Following close upon the filing of a will of Patrick Campbell, wealthy Yuba miner, in San Francisco, comes the filing of a second will in Sacramento, by which Campbell bequeathed $51,500 to friends and relatives and the remainder of his $250,000 estate to his executors and Right Rev. Bishop Thomas Grace to be held in trust and used in educating poor California boys who aspire to be Catholic priests.

Bernard Campbell of San Francisco is left $10,000, Albert Rigby $10,000, the wife and children of the late Andrew McShane of San Francisco $5,000, the wife of Attorney James Sheehan of San Francisco $4,500, C. W. Kitts of San Francisco $1,000, Father McFeeley of San Francisco $500, John Duhain of Sacramento $5,000 and other gifts from $500 up to $2,000 to friends in Grass Valley, among them two priests, Fathers Lynch and Hunt. The Sisters' hospital is left $2,000.

Special letters of administration were granted today to James Sheehan and Charles Heggerty of San Francisco by Superior Judge Post.

CHURCH STORM CAUSES THE PASTOR TO RESIGN

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

SACRAMENTO, June 19.—Rev. A. A. Hull, pastor of the Oak Park Baptist church has resigned. Antagonism to his policies caused him to leave the church he says. He was made defendant a few days ago in a suit for $150 which he borrowed from Mrs. E. Spafford, a wealthy parishioner. His salary was attached. He has been the center of a church storm for several months and he says he will leave the community at once.

"BLIND PIG" OPERATORS PAY $600 FINES

Detective Sergeant Joseph Redmond's crusade against the "blind pig" operators netted the city treasury $600 in fines yesterday.

Gus Gatsios, keeper of a coffee parlor at 736 Harrison street was fined $300 by Police Judge Weller. Weller also fined George A. Demetriostos, 1863 Post street, $100 and Harry Geoger, 3518 20th street, $100.

Police Judge Shortall fined Abe Davlades, 680 Clay street, $100 and Peter Samioas, 436 Kearny street, $100.

GREAT WESTERN AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND LINES

State Commission Will Permit Competition Wherever Service Has Been Poor

Invading Company May Sell Electric Power in Sonoma, Napa and Solano

Permission was given the Great Western Power company by the state railroad commission yesterday to extend its lines and sell electric power to the inhabitants of Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties, over the protest of the Pacific Gas and Electric company, which sought to keep its rival out of that territory on the ground that it is already being adequately served.

The decision is a decided, though not an entire, victory for the Great Western Power company and is notable as establishing the policy of the commission in deciding upon the application of a power company for permission to serve a country which is served more or less fully by another company. The keynote of the decision is that a company which has not "voluntarily" accorded its consumers their due in ample service and reasonable rates must expect competition to be permitted, while a company that has fully served its territory at low rates may expect to be protected.

MARIN COUNTY DENIED

Marin county, one of the four that the Great Western seeks to invade, is denied that company, on the ground that in the hearings before the commission the company brought forward no evidence to show that public convenience and necessity would be served by permitting it to operate there. Permission to serve Solano county, outside of incorporated cities and towns, is granted. Vacaville is denied and Vallejo also, except that it may supply the local company there with power and bid on municipal contracts. It is the opinion of the commission that the local Vallejo company gives reasonable rates to its private consumers, but charges too high on municipal contracts. Permission to invade Dixon, Fairfield and Suisun is granted.

The invasion of Sonoma county by the Great Western is allowed also outside of incorporated cities and towns, except in territory served by the Cloverdale Light and Power company and the California Telephone and Light company, Shellville and vicinity, however, though in the territory served by the last named company, is thrown open to the Great Western on the ground that it is not adequately served. Permission to enter Santa Rosa, Petaluma and Sebastopol is granted.

NAPA CITY OPENED

Napa county is opened to the Great Western outside of incorporated cities and towns except in territory served by the Napa Valley Electric company. The invasion of Napa city is permitted.

In other places permission to operate is granted where no other public utility exists and denied where there is an existing public utility.

In the decision the commission takes up the problem fully and explains by what process of reasoning the judgment was reached. There are many warnings given both corporations and all power companies in general. The practice of making consumers pay for pole line extensions from a main power line to the consumer's property is declared to be "vicious," especially where the consumer is allowed to pay for the extension in commodity. Thus, the decision says, the company increases its capital out of its earnings. A company might, it is stated, be making much money in a territory, yet this might be going into extensions and improvements, and on the face of things the company would seem to be making no profit, and thus might apply for permission to charge higher rates. It is laid down as a rule of conduct that extensions should be paid for by the company.

ROOM FOR DEVELOPMENT

"As regards the major portion of the territory involved in this application," the decision recites, "the testimony convinces us that there is room for a large development in the sale of electric energy for light and power. As regards the country districts, and some of the cities, this is true with the present population."

In cases where the existing company has not, up to the time the competitor knocks for admission, adequately served the territory, the commission declares it can do nothing except allow the competitor to operate there.

"If we should say," the decision says, "'although when you had matters your own way you lost sight of your duty to the public, yet we will preserve for you this territory in consideration of your future good behavior,' then no competitor would ever be allowed to enter a territory, and the only result of his efforts to do so would be to strengthen the existing company in its position."

Mortimer Fleishhacker, president of the Great Western Power company, who personally took charge of the fight against the Pacific Gas and Electric company, and who conceived the idea of invading the older company's territory in the northern counties, regards the decision as a victory for California's development.

"MEANS GREATER PROSPERITY"

"It means," he said yesterday, "that the development which electric power makes possible is now certain for the northern and central part of the state. A power line in these days means as much in the progress and upbuilding of a territory as a railroad, for with power come pumps to bring water from beneath the ground to the place where it means population and dollars, and with power come lights, heat, electric lines and a thousand other advantages. And power is hardly an asset unless it is cheap power. We offer low rates, but rates that are not so low but that the business is profitable. We will go ahead with extensive work in the counties opened to our lines, and the result will be greater prosperity for those counties, for us and for the Pacific Gas and Electric company, too, for their business will grow as the population of the counties increases."

The Great Western made no fight to get into Marin because it is not yet ready to operate there. The commission denied it that county "without prejudice," so the company may ask again for permission to serve it.

Student Body of St. Patrick's Seminary To Present Greek Play at Commencement

DAVEY-PHOTO

Leading characters in Sophocles' Greek tragedy, "Oedipus Tyrannus," as it will be interpreted commencement day by the students of St. Patrick's seminary. Reading from left to right are: Francis Carter as a Corinthian shepherd, Francis Briare as a Theban guard, Luke Parker as Oedipus, Daniel Keenan as a Theban guard, Charles Ryan as Choryphaeus and Theophilus Peloquin as Therapon.

I. W. W. DISTURBERS MARCH FROM NORTH

Advance Guard Reaches Chico and Police Are Warned to Expect Fight

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

CHICO, June 19.—Four hundred Industrial Workers of the World are scattered between Chico and the Oregon line journeying by foot and rail to San Diego to join in the free speech fight there. They started from Portland.

The advance guard of 14, including two leaders, arrived in Chico last night. Gus Wells and Martin Hoak were recognized as two of the leaders who passed through here a year ago.

The Industrialists are well supplied with funds, which they raised in the north. An amount estimated at between $10,000 and $15,000 was deposited in a local bank today and the police have been warned that the San Diego fight will be repeated here, this being the largest town betwpen Sacramento and Oregon.

A report that 50 Industrialists had stopped at a new mining camp, Pine Ridge, on the Oregon line to solicit funds from the small army of miners and prospectors there was confirmed today by local men interested in the new camp.

GRAND ARCH NAMED BY DRUIDS' GROVE

Joseph Lawrence of San Jose Elected Noble and Doctor Leland Deputy

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

JACKSON, June 19.—Joseph Lawrence of San Jose was elected noble grand arch and Dr. T. B. W. Leland of San Francisco was elected deputy grand arch today at the third day's session of the grand grove of Druids.

The other officers chosen were: C. A. Guglielmoni of San Francisco, grand secretary; E. N. Cadenasso of San Francisco, grand treasurer; M. P. Pernan, grand marshal; J. L. Polito of San Francisco, grand herald, and A. L. Pierce of San Francisco, grand guardian.

The vote for grand trustees was as follows: R. Belluzzi of Jackson, 146; L. Carbone of Los Angeles, 131; P. S. King of Napa, 123; G. Pellegrini of San Francisco, 102; S. Silkwood of Eureka, 139; J. U. Toscano of Los Banos, 140, and N. E. Wretman of San Jose, 104.

A committee of three was appointed by the grand grove to provide a uniform set of books for subordinate groves, and on the recommendation of N. G. A. Coburn it was decided to divide the state into three districts, to be under the jurisdiction of the noble grand arch, the deputy grand arch and the grand marshal, respectively.

A resolution was adopted providing a sum of $500 with which to institute injunction proceedings to protect the use of the name Independent Order of Druids. A change was made whereby all grand officers will constitute an advisory board and a large amount of routine business was transacted.

The election of the grand circle resulted in the choice of Carrie Fischer as grand arch druidess, Emma Woolsey as grand first bard, Ida Volpe as grand second bard, Ida E. Wheeler as grand secretary, Rose Peters as grand treasurer, Marie Smith as grand conductress, Hannah Macdonald as grand guardian, Aidelaice Guisti as grand sentinel, May Pierce as grand chaplain, Eva Wolff as grand organist, Sadie Meyers, Kate Gille and Annie Francois as grand trustees and Annie Lock, Julia Lauritano and Lulu Demey as grand auditors.

PETITIONS FILED IN BANKRUPTCY

The following petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday in the United States District court: F. Arthur Gilley, a local steam fitter, whose liabilities are $2,350.75 with no assets; James J. Casserly, a local saloon keeper, whose liabilities are $5,582.20 with $3,800 in assets; Charles Potts, a farmer in Sacramento county, whose liabilities are $1,176.64 with no assets.

Tragedy by Sophocles Will Have Classic Production

MENLO PARK, June 19.—Sophocles Greek tragedy, "Oedipus Tyrannus," is to be produced next Monday morning in the spacious gymnasium of St. Patrick's seminary as the annual commencement play of the students of the institution. For more than two months the difficult lines from the version of John K. Payne of Harvard university have been rehearsed daily under the direction of Father Sullivan and the music and choral work have been under the direction of Father F. M. Harvey. The presentation will be in the original Greek.

HISTORICAL COSTUMES

The costuming of the play has been arranged to make the setting of the classic tragedy as historically accurate as possible, and the original lines and plan of the presentation will be followed as closely as modern demands and necessary limitations permit. The chorus, always an important element in a Greek play, has been made a particularly conspicuous feature of the production. Father Harvey has arranged to thrust it into the foreground as much as possible by adapting the arrangement after Reinhardt's suppliants for the mob effect. In this way the chorus will take an integral part in the acting.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

The cast of characters is as follows:

Oedipus.....Luke A. Parker
Priest.....Henry W. Cross
Creon.....Arthur A. Walsh
Choryphaeus.....Charles P. Ryan
Teiresias.....William J. Sheehy
Jocasta, the queen.....Raymond O'Brien
Messenger from Corinth.....Francis A. Carter
Servant of Laius.....Theophilus Peloquin
Messenger Extraordinary.....Thomas Gorman
Boy, attending Teiresias.....Albert Duffy
Antigone, child of Oedipus.....Carl Nealis
Ismene, child of Oedipus.....John S. Roberts

Attendants to the king—Daniel Keenan, Francis Briare, William Taylor, Wilfred C. Rompe.

Attendants to the queen—Robert J. Flynn, Edward Cavanaugh.

Suppliants—Howard Poyleson, James McHugh, Peter McNally, Francis J. Rock, Emmet F. Panner, Frederick Zales, Leonard Burke, Thomas Brennahan, Vincent T. Connelly, Francis Kearns, Anthony Schymeinsky, John McGrath, Thomas O'Leary, William P. McCarthy, John J. Valentine, F. Austin, Joseph Clarke, Albert Cooney, Leo J. Waite.

Chorus of Theban Elders—Thomas Cummins, Raymond F. Tilford, John Cox, John O'Brien, Leo Murphy, Leo Poyleson, William Cox, Henry Collins, William Flately, Clarence Soanes, Howard Keller, Richard O'Donnell, Anthony J. Cabral, Leo Cockhlan, Edmond T. Lefevre.

NEW SCHOOL TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

Prominent Educators Will Participate in Ceremonies

The recently completed Spring Valley school in Jackson street between Hyde and Larkin streets will be formally dedicated next Sunday afternoon by the board of education and the Polk Street Improvement association will assist in the ceremonies.

The following is the program:

Opening chorus by the pupils of the school, under the direction of H. J. Stewart; introductory remarks, President A. A. D'Ancona of the board of education; chorus from "Carmen," C. d'Ancia, Miss Alice Mullane and Master E. Harkness, Miss R. A. Harkness pianist; address, Roy Shapro, president of the Polk Street association; chorus, "Stars and Stripes"; address, David Mahoney, representing the former graduates of the Spring Valley school; vocal solo, Henry Braun, Miss M. Steenhour accompanist; chorus, sextet from "Lucia di Lammermoor, (b) "San Francisco"; address, Edward Rainey, representing Mayor James Rolph Jr.; vocal solo, Mrs. Marie Arroyo Jordan; address, Superintendent of Schools A. Roncovieri; romance, second concert (Henri Wienlewski), Miss Alice Mullane, Miss E. Mullane, accompanist; address Dr. A. H. Giannini; chorus, "Happy Dreamland," (b) "California."

Music, under direction of Miss Estelle Carpenter, supervisor of music for the public schools, and Miss Naomi E. Hause, special teacher of music at the Spring Valley school.

The corps of teachers at this school is: Miss Mary E. Keating, principal; Miss A. C. Gregg, vice principal; Mrs. M. Hoogs, Miss A. J. Murphy, Miss E. R. Gallagher, Miss F. Davis, Miss A. B. S. Grozeller, Miss N. E. Hause, Miss M. Dittenhoefer, Miss M. C. Sutherland, Miss A. B. Bradley and Mrs. F. McAllister.

ZOLLIE CLEMENT MAY GO TO TRIAL AGAIN

Begins Life Term for One Murder and Another Pends

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

STOCKTON, June 19.—Zollie Clement, murderer of William Newman of this city, may again have to battle in the courts for his life. Clement was taken to Folsom today by Deputy Sheriff McAllister to begin serving his life sentence. Clement's attorney, Ben Berry, made application for the prisoner's revolvers, but it was denied. Martin, the saloon man whom Clement shot in Sacramento, is in a precarious condition, and should he die the murderer again will have to stand trial.

DARROW CONFUSES WITNESS FOR STATE

Uncle of McManigal Admits He Was Not Told to Testify Falsely

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—Clarence S. Darrow occupied the center of the stage in his trial for alleged jury bribery today, and consumed almost all the entire day with his cross examination of George Behm of Portage, Wis., an uncle of Ortie McManigal.

It was a hard day for the Wisconsin man and at the close of the cross examination the attorneys for the defense expressed themselves as more than satisfied. Behm seemed to be much confused and it was difficult to get a direct answer from him.

Such direct answers as he did give to queries touching his relations with Darrow in connection with the McNamara case were considered as distinctly favorable to the defendant.

VOLUNTEERED AS WITNESS

Behm admitted that he had not been told by Darrow to testify falsely to the grand jury and that he had received merely expense money to come to Los Angeles, and that Mrs. McManigal had first asked him to make the trip because she was not in good health.

He admitted also that he had volunteered his services as a witness in the present trial, and upon being pressed indicated by his testimony that he had a grievance against Darrow over the expense money, which he said the latter had agreed to give him.

His reason for appearing as a witness against Darrow, Behm said, was his desire to "clear" himself because of having committed perjury before the grand jury last August.

Behm admitted that his first visit to Ortie McManigal in the Los Angeles county jail was upon the latter's invitation.

THOUGHT McMANIGAL CRAZY

"Did you not tell me after the first visit," asked Darrow, "that Ortie McManigal was not the man you thought him to be; that he was crazy, or doped, or had been bought by the Burns detectives?"

"Yes, I said something like that," was the reply.

The entire purport of the cross examination was to show that Behm had not been corrupted by Darrow. When he left the stand late today, it was regarded even by some associated with the prosecution, that he had not proved a damaging witness to the defense.

GOLD STOLEN FROM ROOMS OF THE SIERRA CLUB

Secretary Colby Reports Robbery as a Mystery

Mystery surrounds the theft of $200 in gold form the drawer in the rooms of the Sierra club, in the Mills building. The theft was discovered yesterday by William E. Colby, secretary of the club.

Two men held up Nicholas Meinert, a cook on the steamer Sea Foam, at Fifth and Channel streets early yesterday morning and robbed him of his watch and fob and stickpin and white beaver hat.

Pickpockets stole $25 from the pocket of Charles Wyman, 362 Third avenue, yesterday while he was riding on a Clement street car.

Pickpockets stole a watch worth $33.50 from Sydney Boorer, steward on the transport Logan.

G. N. Bergren, 1801 Hayes street, reports the theft by burglars of jewelry valued at $142.

OLD PRATTVILLE TOWN WIPED OFF THE MAP

Fishing Resort to Be Covered by Power Project

GREENVILLE, June 19.—With orders to move the living, rebury the dead and burn the town, Dan Moorehead has razed and blotted out with fire the old fishing resort of Prattville.

Founded in 1871 by Dr. Willard Pratt, the town has been visited by all the more prominent anglers in the west and many from the Atlantic coast. Big Meadows, of which Prattville has been the center, is famous for its trout fishing, and few go there who do not catch the limit.

The passing of the old town is occasioned by the work on the big power dam of the Great Western Power company at Nevis. Rapidly being pushed to completion, it will be but three years before the site of Prattville will be under water.

"LIE" AND FIST SHAKING MARK WATER HEARING

Attorney Daniel O'Connell Gets Excited When Vogelsang Leaves Meeting

Supervisor Murphy Contradicts Spring Valley Manager About Fire Fighting

"We want water!"

This was the battle cry that went up from angry citizens before the supervisors' public utilities committee yesterday at an exciting session in which Attorney Daniel O'Connell shook his fist at Chairman Vogelsang and Supervisor Koshland's quiet but pointed remarks aroused the ire of E. J. McCutchen, attorney and defender of the Spring Valley Water company.

After a score of citizens had told of their sufferings from lack of water O'Connell asked the supervisors to authorize mandamus proceedings against the water company. Vogelsang listened attentively, but had announced that there was an important meeting of the advisory water committee waiting him at Mayor Rolph's office.

Edward Rainey, Rolph's secretary, arrived in the midst of O'Connell's address, and, supported by Chief Clerk Dunnigan, urged that Vogelsang respond to the call of the mayor. Vogelsang arose with apologies to the delegation, asking Supervisor Murphy to take the chair and continue the hearing.

But O'Connell, Supervisor Andrew J. Glalagher and others protested. O'Connell stamped his foot, shook his fist and shouted.

"You have no right to leave," he cried. "This is for the people. When the Spring Valley wants anything, it gets it quick. But we are only the people—we have to wait."

"Nonsense, sit down," answered Vogelsang. "You have no business to talk that way. This meeting with the mayor is also for the people and is of the utmost moment and importance. It has been arranged a long time."

General Manager Eastman of the Spring Valley company was called upon to explain many conditions involved in the complaints. A fire at Thirty-ninth avenue and Geary street, in which a building was burned to the ground and women and children rescued, was the subject of much discussion. Fire Chief Murphy and others said that at first there was not a drop of water in the hydrants, and that when water was turned on it was "too late to save anything but the lot."

Complaint Against Cattle

The complaint of the residents of the Bay View district against cattle that cause damage to their gardens and threaten the lives of women and children may result in the establishment of union stock yards. Wholesale butchers appeared before the supervisors' health committee yesterday and contended that under present transportation conditions it is difficult to keep cattle within bounds while driving them to slaughter houses. Health Officer Brodrick and Supervisor Koshland were appointed to take the matter up with the railroad company.

Contract for Carbarn

The board of works yesterday awarded the contract for the construction of the Geary street railway carbarn to F. Rolandi for $210,000.

State to Do Work

Park Superintendent John McLaren, in reply to a request from the supervisors for his opinion as to the necessity of the city creating a horticultural commission, stated in a communication yesterday that there are so few "stock grounds" in the city that the state horticultural commissioner at the ferry building could attend to the work.

Mayor Counts City Cash

Mayor Rolph yesterday began an official count of the city's money in the treasury and succeeded in counting all but $3,000,000 of the $7,197,879.73 on hand before he was called away on other pressing business. According to Treasurer McDougald, Rolph is the first mayor since Phelan who actually "counted" the municipal funds. Others in making the annual count employed the checking system, says the treasurer.

Change for Birth Records

On request of the board of health the supervisors' health committee yesterday recommended that the ordinance relating to birth certificates be repealed, as it conflicts with the state law. The city ordinance provides that certificates of birth must be filed before the fifth day of each month. This permits of a delay of many weeks in the filing of birth records, inasmuch as a birth on the sixth of the month need not be recorded until the fourth of the next month, according to the ordinance. The state law provides that certificates must be filed within five days after birth.

The committee recommended that the Noble Jones company be permitted to establish a pumping plant at the relief home to pump water from Lake Honda to private consumers within a radius of ten blocks. The ownership of the pump and pipes on city ground will be vested in the municipality.

The proposal to draft a new stable permit ordinance has become involved with so many legal entanglements that the committee decided to get suggestions from President Barendt of the board of health and then turn the matter over to the city attorney.

Deal With United Railroads

A delegation from the Downtown association and business men of lower Sutter street were assured yesterday by Chairman Vogelsang of the supervisors' public utilities committee that an effort was being made to reach a settlement with the United Railroads that would permit the extension of the Geary street road to the ferry extensions to the beach and the solution of other traffic problems. Vogelsang said that probably an agreement would be reached before the end of the month.

Harbor Control Discussed

John T. Flynn, engineed of the California Rivers and Harbors association, urged upon the supervisors' public utilities committee yesterday municipal control of San Francisco harbor, and incidentally flayed state control to the extent that J. W. Sweeney, cashier of the state harbor board, said that Flynn's remarks were fraught with "glaring errors and misstatements." He asked permission of the supervisors to point out the alleged errors. The committee decided to consider the subject of city harbor control at a special meeting.