PROPOSED WATER RIGHTS MEASURE HIDES A "JOKER"

Tentative Draft of Conservation Bill Carries Section That Has Aroused Comment

Makes Hearings So Cumbersome That Cases Might Drag for Fifty Years

Protests have been raised that a joker is embodied in the tentative draft of the water commission bill prepared by the state conservation commission to be finally submitted to the legislature next January. The joker is the same which was found in the Nevada law of 1889 that was declared unconstitutional by Judge A. L. Fitzgerald of Nevada, and which the legislature subsequently revoked. The joker is such as to make the act so cumbersome as to be inoperative in that in the letter of the act the hearing of cases would, under general conditions, consume from 20 to 50 years, during which time the claimant would have use of the contested water.

The bill is yet in tentative form, according to Secretary Louis R. Glavis, of Ballinger fame, secretary of the commission. Glavis said yesterday that the bill could not be considered as yet an outline of the feelings of the commissioners, and in explaining away the joker he said that it is probable that the section had been included just to arouse comment to get everybody interested in the bill.

PARDEE ONE OF THE AUTHORS

The tentative bill has been drawn up by Conservative Commissioners George C. Pardee, Francis Cuttle and J. R. Baumgartner with the assistance of attorneys of the water companies throughout the state. Among those who were active with advice were Curtis Lindley, Frank Short of the Fresno irrigating scheme, Professor Marks of the University of California and attorneys representing big water interests.

The joker is in section 23. This section provides for the hearing of cases that all parties claiming interest on the system of which the claimant's claim is a part shall be notified, and that each may present full testimony, data and witnesses. In some of the large systems like the Stockton stream system, where there are about 5,000 claimants, it would be necessary to hear 15,000 witnesses and the case would take about 40 years to be heard.

The same situation arose through the Nevada bill, and the Nevada case is cited as a protest against the adoption of the measure in California.

HUMBOLT CASE IS CITED

The Humboldt stream system case is an example of the cumbersome legal machinery constructed by such legislation. In this case, which was heard in Nevada, there were about 1,500 claimants, and, allowing three witnesses to each, there would have been about 4,500 persons to take the stand. If the attorney for each claimant had been permitted to conduct a cross examination of each witness the case would have lasted for years, but by mutual consent it was postponed until the law could be repealed.

Speaking of the section, Secretary Glavis said:

"The tentative bill drawn up has not been indorsed by the commission. We are waiting for the return of Governor Pardee from the east to continue discussion on it, and we expect to have an indorsed bill ready by September. I am not sure who introduced this section, and I don't know the real reason. But I will say that it may have been introduced just to create discussion and arouse interest in the bill. We want everybody who is interested in water to help us, and the only way to get some to come in is by doing something to create discussion.

OREGON BILL ALSO COPIED

"The section is drawn up from the Oregon and Nevada bills. We have heard much objection to it. But I may say that in Oregon a similar bill works out fine. I think that part of the theory about the working of the bill will not live up to its practice. But what we want is something to expedite the law, and we will have more conferences and public discussions before drawing up a bill to be indorsed. This one is only tentative, made up as a basis for discussion."

The commission's next meeting will be held August 16 in the Mills building.

DR. W. DWIGHT HELD PENDING AN AUTOPSY

Certificate of Woman's Death Is Refused

Dr. Wilder Dwight, with offices at Van Ness avenue and Geary street, was booked in detinue at the central station last night, pending an autopsy and inquest into the death of Mrs. Hattie L. Honsinger of 416 Tehama street, who died July 10 at the Irving sanatorium. Doctor Dwight insists that the woman died of peritonitis, resulting from natural causes. He signed a death certificate to that effect.

Preparations for shipping the body to relatives of the woman living in Minnesota yesterday morning had been completed, when word was received from the coroner's office stating that the death certificate had not been accepted and that a police investigation would be asked to determine whether or not an illegal operation had been performed. The body was held and Doctor Dwight was placed under arrest last evening.

After treating Mrs. Honsinger for several days, it is alleged that the physician placed her in the Irving sanatorium, at 906 Eddy street, July 8. Doctor Dwight admits having treated the woman, but affirms that he performed no operation and that peritonitis set in as the natural result of her condition. The woman was the wife of a carpenter.

FOREST SERVICE SELLS BIG TIMBER TRACT

Buyers Will Be Private Railroad to Bring Logs Out

A sale of 183,000,000 feet of timber at a price of $409,960 at the head of the north fork of the Trinity river has just been completed by the United States forest service. The buyers are M. G. Burns & Co., who will build their own railroad from Castella in Shasta county to bring the logs out.

A tract comprising 200,000,000 feet of sugar and yellow pine, cedar and fir, adjacent to the San Joaquin and Eastern railroad in San Joaquin canyon also is being prepared for sale. It is open to application and bids will be advertised later.

As this is one of the first timber tracts to be opened up by the forest service near the route of a common carrier, where the building of a special road will be unnecessary, real competition in the bidding is expected.

Wedding Roles Exchanged By Best Man and Benedick

Mrs. Elmer E. Chase Jr., who was Miss Lesley Greig of Alameda.

Elmer E. Chase Jr. Claims Miss Lesley Greig as Bride in Alameda

ALAMEDA, July 12.—When Elmer E. Chase Jr. of San Jose this afternoon assisted his cousin, Farley Earl Granger of San Jose, as best man at the wedding that united Granger and Miss Eva Mae Hopkins of Salt Lake City, he insisted that the newly made benedick should perform the same office for him. Thus it was that Granger attended Chase when he claimed Miss Lesley Greig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Greig, as his bride at the 4 o'clock ceremony, the announcement of which will be a great surprise to many friends of the bride.

In Christ Episcopal church at 1 o'clock, Rev. Fletcher Cook read the service which made Miss Hopkins the bride of Granger. Three hours later the same clergyman officiated at the ceremony for Chase and Miss Greig at the Greig home in Paru street.

The young couples will spend their honeymoons together and are planning to make their homes in San Jose, where the bridegrooms are engaged in business.

Mrs. Chase, who as Miss Greig has been a prominent figure at the Alameda assembly, the Junior and Friday Night assemblies in Oakland, had planned an announcement party with a large wedding for the early fall, but the business interests of her fiance called for the quickly arranged wedding or a postponement of the marriage until the winter, and the bride chose the former. Without any announcement of the betrothal the wedding was celebrated this afternoon, only 40 guests being included in the invitation for the ceremony and supper that followed.

Miss Marjorie Haight was Miss Greig's only attendant. The wedding dress was of pink silk, Cecil Breuner roses forming the bridal bouquet.

Chase is the son of Elmer E. Chase, president of the Golden Gate Packing company of San Jose, with whom he is associated in business. He has considerable interests of his own as a fruit grower in that section.

STEAMER ARRIVES FROM FAR NORTH

Homer Brings No Further News of Recent Volcanic Disturbances in Alaska

The steamer Homer, Captain Wall, arrived here late yesterday afternoon from Alaska, but brought no news of the recent volcanic disturbances in that part of the world. The Homer left St. Paul island June 28 and Unalaska July 2. The steamer came here for supplies for the government sealing stations on the islands of St. Paul and St. George, but brought no sealskins, having left there before the time for killing.

James Judge, government agent at St. Paul, who was a passenger on the Homer, reports everything quiet in the seal nurseries. There is a wireless station now at St. George, and the people stationed there have been kept in touch with the outside world through the medium of a daily aerogram furnished by the navy department.

Colonel McGettigan of this city was a passenger on the Homer from Dutch Harbor. He has been prospecting in the vicinity of Makushan bay, and after seven years of searching thinks he has struck it rich at last. He brought back with him samples of rich gold and copper ore. He heard the detonations that accompanied the volcanic activity on Katmai, but did not know anything of their cause until he arrived at Dutch Harbor.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "we thought the explosions were blasts set off by prospectors on the other side of the range."

Two Aleut women, one blind and the other threatened with loss of sight, were brought down on the Homer for treatment. The Homer also brought down 11 members of the crew of the schooner Salvator who left that vessel at Nelson's Lagoon because the captain refused to let them use the donkey engine in discharging cargo. They were taken to Dutch Harbor on the revenue cutter McCulloch.

Passengers on the Homer were James Judge and wife, Colonel McGettigan, Mrs. A. H. Proctor, wife of the government agent at St. George; Mrs. H. C. Mills, wife of the doctor at St. George; N. C. Davenport and wife, school teachers at Unalaska, and Captain Dahlquist, who went north with one of the Alaska Commercial company's vessels.

CITY PARK COMMISSION FINALLY IS ABOLISHED

BERKELEY, July 12.—The council finally passed this morning the ordinance abolishing the park commission. Hugo H. Lilienthal, the one commissioner who had not resigned, is no longer a public official. The council took no heed of Lilienthal's threats to appeal to the district attorney if he was not reinstated as park commissioner.

TUFTS TO BE SENTENCED MONDAY—Los Angeles, July 12.—Gorham Tufts Jr., convicted by a jury in the superior court of having obtained money under false pretenses from his wife, will be sentenced Monday.

NOMINATIONS THIS YEAR IMPORTANT

But Short Time Remains for Candidates to File Petitions With Registrar

Nominations for the legislature have exceptional importance this year and less than two weeks remain for the candidates to file their nomination petitions. July 24 is the last day for filing with the registrar of voters. The petitions must then be examined and forwarded to the secretary of state at Sacramento before July 29.

The only legislative aspirants for the 13 places in the assembly and the three in the senate are as follows: J. E. White, republican, twenty-seventh assembly district; Charles L. McLean, democrat, and Frank N. Rodgers, republican, thirty-second assembly district; Ignatius A. Richardson, democrat, twenty-ninth assembly district; Edwin E. Grant, democrat, nineteenth senatorial district.

Edward P. Shortall is the only other candidate for office to file his petition to date. Shortall will enter the race for judge of the superior court.

Registration is beginning to pick up again because of the approach of the primary election on September 3. Registration for this election will close August 3. Those who have not registered since the first of this year and those who have moved from their precincts since registering will have to register again before they will be permitted to vote at this election, as the old register has been entirely canceled.

The democratic county committee is going ahead in its own way to put a full legislative ticket in the field in this city. Tim Reardon, chairman of the committee, has appointed a committee consisting of Lawrence J. Dolan, Sidney M. Van Wyck, H. M. Kelly, Thomas W. Hickey, Louis H. Mooser and William Doell as a committee to select the legislative ticket for the party.

Speculation is rife as to the successor to the late George M. Hill as state harbor commissioner. A persistent rumor has it that Senator Tom Finn, one of Governor Hiram W. Johnson's most active supporters in San Francisco, is to be honored with the appointment.

Aside from the possibilities of Finn being named, there is a probability that Mike Kelly of Alameda county will be permitted to name Hill's successor, as it was Kelly who put Hill in the job.

BERKELEY WOMEN EXCEL MEN AS MONEY SAVERS

BERKELEY, July 12.—Women are more thrifty than men, according to figures compiled by Postmaster Clarence S. Merrill, showing the deposits of the postal savings bank since last October. Merrill finds that there are 93 women depositors and 61 men. Since being opened here, the postal savings bank has taken in $14,594.

LABOR AGAINST DEATH PENALTY

San Francisco Council Votes in Favor of Abolition of Capital Punishment

The San Francisco Labor council, at its meeting last night, after a protracted discussion, by a vote of 59 to 52 declared in favor of the abolition of capital punishment in this state.

The council had first nominations for officers for the ensuing term as follows:

President—John P. McLaughlin.
Vice president—S. T. Dixon and Cameron H. King.
Secretary—John I. Nolan.
Financial secretary—W. T. Bonsor.
Treasurer—J. J. McTiernan.
Sergeant at arms—P. A. O'Brien.
Trustees—J. W. Spencer, M. J. Maguire, E. A. Brown, R. H. Baker and Louise Larue.

The nominations will be reopened next Friday night and the election will be on the following Friday.

The council indorsed a proposition to request the board of supervisors to submit to the people the question of accepting a gift from Andrew Carnegie for a public library. The council declared itself strongly against accepting a money gift from Carnegie for any purpose.

The council decided to engage an organizer for a period of 60 days at a salary of $30 a week, the salary to be paid jointly by the council and the State Federation of Labor. George W. Bell was named for the position.

On recommendation of the law and legislative committee the council refused to indorse the proposed one day a week rest bill on the ground that the proposed law "is nothing but a blue law."

A request from Carpenters' union No. 1082 that the council name a committee of three to act with local No. 173 of the Industrial Workers of the World in getting up a protest mass meeting in favor of Ettor and Giovanetti, now in prison in Massachusetts, was referred to the executive committee.

A request of the District Council of Carpenters that the council ask the Beer Bottlers' Board of Trade to see that all boxes used in the trade bear the label of the Carpenters' union was referred to the executive committee.

A request to have the council indorse a movement to have a monument erected in the civic center to the memory of George Washington was referred to the law and legislative committee for a report.

A report was presented showing that the contributions to date to the Muscatine button workers on strike amount to $79,000 and the expenditures $78,900 for the benefit of the strikers.

The Musicians' union requested that the Dalmatian society picnic be declared unfair, the society refusing to employ union musicians. The council so declared.

The moving picture operators made complaint that some unions had employed nonunion operators to show moving pictures and requested the council to use its influence to prevent such action in the future.

The hatters of North America made a request that labor organizations do not wear on Labor day hats that do not bear the union label.

Delegate Andrew J. Gallagher tendered his resignation as a member of the league for humane legislation, but the council refused to accept it.

Delegate A. W. Brouillett tendered his resignation as a member of the city charter committee on the ground that he can not by reason of other meeting engagements attend the meetings of the committee. This was accepted.

Delegates were seated from the following unions: Cracker Bakers, Hat and Cloth Cap Makers, Bakers No. 125, Laundry Workers, Cooks, Sheet Metal Workers, Carpenters 483, Moving Picture Operators, United Laborers, Plumbers 442, Carpenters 1082, Upholsterers, Employers association, Leather Workers on Horse Goods, Cook Helpers, Amalgamated Carpenters No. 5, and Glove Workers.

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The election for officers of the Sailors' union of the Pacific has resulted in the choice of Andrew Furuseth as secretary; John H. Tennison, assistant secretary; Edward Anderson, treasurer; Walter Macarthur, editor Coast Seaman's Journal; Paul Scharrenburg, manager of the journal; E. Rickson, first patrolman; D. Paul, second Patrolman, and R. Tunnell, third patrolman, and F. Brown, custodian of headquarters.

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Local No. 25 of the Journeymen Shoers' union has been advised that at the recent session of the international body, held in Grand Rapids, Mich., the international officers chosen for the current term are: John T. Kane of Chicago, president; Herbert Carey and Homer Michaelson, vice presidents; Hubert S. Marshall of Cincinnati, secretary-treasurer (reelected), and R. Konohan, delegate to the American Federation of Labor.

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Local No. 59 of the Hoisting and Portable Steam Engineers at its meeting last Thursday night had its recently elected officers for the current term installed in due form. Henry Wittee was elected a delegate to the international convention of the craft that is to meet in St. Paul, Minn., on September 8.

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Gas Workers' union No. 12,369, has elected as its officers for the current term: S. L. Holmes, president; J. A. O'Donnell, vice president; B. L. Green, financial secretary; Frank Ford, recording secretary; David Barnes, treasurer; W. F. Kirkesey, guide, and E. Wild, guardian.

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Local No. 1618 of the Millmen's union has indorsed a resolution to the effect that the general constitution be amended so as to elect general organizers by districts, instead of having them appointed by the general president and to further amend it so that the accounts of receipts and disbursements shall be printed in the official journal instead of being sent to the subordinate unions in pamphlet form as at present.

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Local branch of the California Butchers' union on last Wednesday night had an election for officers with the result that Walter E. Scott was chosen president; Edward Powers, vice president; Edward Grady, guard; Thomas Lally, guide; Charles Kilpack, sergeant at arms; A. Oswald, J. J. Kretzmer and M. Grunhof, executive committee and E. L. Rawson, M. Maxwell, M. Grunhof and Charles Kloos, delegates to the Labor council.

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Local No. 110 of the Cooks' Helpers' union on last Wednesday night received a class of 39 applicants for membership. They were elected and obligated. The local was addressed by a committee from the label section of the San Francisco Labor council on the duty of members of unions purchasing only such goods as bear the evidence of having been made under fair conditions.

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Laura Molleda, Lettie Gardener, Minnie Andrews, Hilda Baldwin and Ora Mathewson were appointed on last Wednesday night by local No. 48 of the Waitresses' union, a committee to make arrangements for the local's display in the parade on Labor day. Six applications for membership were presented and three elected candidates were obligated.

"JIMMY" LAWLER IN CAFE MELEE

Notorious Tenderloin Character Terribly Beaten by Friends of Man He Slugged

"Jimmy" Lawler, the notorious tenderloin character who has been sentenced to serve six months in the county jail for battery and has his liberty on account of an appeal, and who has more recently been charged by the police with white slaving, was considerably battered up last night in a free for all fist fight in a cafe in Mason street.

Though cut and bleeding from many injuries in parts of his head and body, Lawler succeeded in avoiding arrest through the efforts of some of his friends. He was taken from the place to a waiting taxicab and rushed from the scene. It is probable that he will again be arrested.

TERRIFIC FIGHT IN DARK

Lawler entered the cafe, which is in Mason street near Eddy, shortly after 11 o'clock, and, according to those in the place, began to insult people about him. A young man giving the name of Bert Andrews, who says he is employed in the business office of the Bulletin, took exception to the remarks of Lawler. The young man also charged Lawler with betraying his 15 year old cousin.

The two were engaged in argument for several minutes and then Lawler, according to witnesses, struck Andrews in the face with his fist. The two began fighting all around the place, upsetting tables and causing the frequenters of the cafe to seek refuge behind the pillars. The music was brought to a stop and the waiters all ran out. Finally, after several minutes' of battling, the friends of Lawler shoved the two fighters into a closet and locked the door.

There was a terrific struggle in the dark closet, for those on the outside heard wild groans and curses.

LAWLER TERRIBLY MAULED

At this stage of the proceedings friends of Andrews, who had been visiting another cafe near by, rushed into the place. They opened the closet door and found Andrews on the floor unconscious, with Lawler standing over him kicking him in the face.

Lawler was pulled from the closet and given a terrific beating by the friends of the young man. Blow after blow was rained on his face and he was forced to seek relief from the beating by lying on the floor. This trick did not save him, however, as Andrews' friends jumped on Lawler and nearly pulled his clothes from his body. It was only because they were exhausted that Lawler was not given a worse beating. His friends carried his limp form from the place to the automobile outside.

SENTENCED FOR BEATING WOMAN

Lawler was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail because of his attack on his companion, Ada Bretagne, several months ago. He has appealed this case, and is now out on bail.

More recently he was arrested by the police on a white slavery charge. This case is still pending in the police court, while he enjoys his liberty on bail.

JUDGE SUSTAINED BY COMMITTEE

Incompetency Charges Against Shortall Declared Without Foundation

After several hours of investigation, in which a number of witnesses were examined, the police committee of the grand jury decided yesterday afternoon to recommend the charges of incompetency and improper conduct brought against Police Judge Shortall by W. D. Brown, manager of the Hotel Ellis, as without foundation.

The report of the committee will be submitted to the grand jury Tuesday night and probably will be adopted without question.

The trouble arose over a case in Judge Shortall's court between Brown and a woman named Florence Miller staying at the hotel, in which she said she suspected Brown of taking money from her room. Brown interrupted Shortall's questions to ask if he charged him with taking the money. Shortall said that he did not even suspect him of it, and then suggested an investigation of the woman's charge.

As a result of the investigation the money was found, and when Brown appeared in court to say that he had witnesses to testify to the bad character of the woman, Shortall said the case was practically settled. Brown then accused the judge of blackening his character by accusing him of stealing Mrs. Miller's money, and when explanations were made, denied that the judge was telling the truth. When Brown prepared a letter to the grand jury, asking for Shortall's removal, the judge asked the police committee of the body to investigate.

RAILROAD MAGNATE HERE FOR CROCKER WEDDING

Seventh Private Car Brings Guests for Ceremony

Edwin S. Webster, a railroad magnate of Chestnut Hill, Mass., and a warm friend of Malcolm D. Whitman, who is to be married on Tuesday to Miss Jennie Crocker, arrived from the east last evening with his family and took apartments at the St. Francis. His makes the seventh private car that has arrived from the east bringing guests to the nuptial ceremony.

With Webster is Bertram Lord, representative in England of the American Express company. It is believed that he has been chosen as the bearer of rich gifts from Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, the Countess of Granard and Mrs. John Ward, who are at present living abroad. Mrs. Ansel Easton, who is Miss Crocker's grandmother, is a sister of D. O. Mills and Whitelaw Reid married a Miss Mills.

Mrs. John Ward is Whitelaw Reid's daughter, while the Countess of Granard is a niece of the ambassador.

Webster is associated with W. P. Hammon in the Truckee Light and Power company and is extensively interested in the traction companies in Seattle and Tacoma. He is accompanied at the St. Francis by Mrs. Webster, Miss Frances and Miss Mabel Webster and Edwin S. Webster Jr., Mrs. L. L. Wormley of New York and C. E. Allen of Boston.

CONFERENCE ON INCINERATION—Berkeley, July 12.—The West Berkeley Improvement club sent to the city council this morning a request for Mayor Wilson and the councilmen to meet the club in conference before selecting a site for the proposed municipal incinerator. Councilman E. Q. Turner was delegated to reply that the officials were willing to attend a meeting of the club.

Thomas Booth Guilty of Cruelty to Horse

OAKLAND, July 12.—Thomas Booth, candidate for mayor on the socialist ticket in the last city election, was found guilty in the police courts today of cruelty to animals. He was arrested by Humane Officer Henckley for driving a lame horse and appeared as his own attorney. He testified that he did not know his horse was not in fit condition to be in harness. Judgment was suspended.

BRADLEY PROVES FORMER CONVICT

Man Who Confessed to Killing Special Policeman Williams Admits Prison Record

OAKLAND, July 12.—Robert Bradley, confessed murderer of Special Policeman Charles A. Williams, was arraigned for murder before Police Judge Mortimer Smith today and the preliminary hearing was set for July 17.

Bradley, who served a sentence of 12 years in Folsom penitentiary for burglary, was not represented by an attorney and from remarks he made today will not be defended by counsel until he has been bound over to the superior court for trial.

It developed today that Bradley, who served time in Folsom under the name of Rupert Dorm, kept his disgrace from his parents during his term in prison. He sent out addressed letters to his aged parents in Portland, Me., under a separate address to a friend in San Francisco who forwarded the letters. During all these years the parents believed that he was working in San Francisco.

Bradley has informed the detectives that at one time he served in the United States and British navies. At that time he was the champion lightweight wrestler in the service. While the British fleet was in Canadian waters he bested, he says, all the best American sailors in his class and later in Rio Janeiro defeated all comers.

Bradley takes his imprisonment indifferently and showed little interest in the brief hearing in the police court today.

CHARGE AGAINST DOCTOR DISMISSED

The charge against Dr. Oscar Mansfeldt of having violated a municipal ordinance in failing to report to the chief of police a case of criminal operation, was dismissed yesterday morning in Judge Sullivan's court, upon the ground that there was no evidence to sustain the charge, but, on the contrary, it appeared to the satisfaction of the court that Doctor Mansfeldt had not only procured a dying statement from the woman showing that the operation had been performed by one Dr. A. H. Wright, but that he had also, upon the death of the woman, immediately notified the coroner of the facts.

SECOND TRACK IS NEARING NEVADA

Contract for Construction of Line From Truckee to Reno Awarded by S. P.

A contract for the construction of 15 miles of second track on the Southern Pacific that will connect the towns of Truckee, Cal., and Reno, Nev., has been awarded to the Utah Construction company. This is the latest part of the construction of a second track on the Harriman lines between Omaha and San Francisco. Hundreds of men are employed in clearing away underbrush along this stretch of 15 miles, and camps line the track.

A large part of the proposed double tracking of the Southern Pacific has been completed. Between Sacramento and Colfax the second track is in operation. The laying of the second track from Benicia to Sacramento, a distance of 58 miles, is completed with the exception of eight miles between Webster and Washington. This stretch of eight miles involves the raising of the roadbed across the Yolo basin and the rebuilding of approximately two miles of bridges. It probably will be completed about October 1 and then there will be a double track the entire distance between Oakland pier and Colfax.

Between the Oakland pier and Port Costa the second track has been in operation for several months. From the pier to Richmond the company is operating four tracks continuously. A little more than 25 miles of second track has been laid and is being operated on the Salt lake division of the road approximate to the Lucin cutoff.

The laying of the second track in Nevada will not be such a problem as has been the same kind of work in the mountain districts. By October 1 there will be about 142 miles of double track line in operation. The engineers in charge of the work have no fear but that it will be complete from San Francisco to Omaha by the time of the exposition.

LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVED

Friday, July 12.

10 p. m., stmr Ravalli, Nelson, 27 hours from Eureka; 840,000 feet lumber to Hammond Lumber company.

SAILED

Friday, July 12.

9:30 p. m., stmr Col. E. L. Drake, Badger, Seattle, with barge 95 in tow.

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OUTSIDE BOUND IN, 11 P. M.

Friday, July 12.

Stmr Umatilla and schr R. W. Bartlett.

DOMESTIC PORTS

ASTORIA—Sailed July 12, 6:20 p. m.—U. S. stmr Marblehead, for Puget sound.

Arrived July 12, 8:30 p. m.—Stmr Daisy Freeman, hence July 9.

LONG BEACH—Arrived July 12, 6 a. m.—Stmr Santa Clara, hence July 10; 7 p. m., stmr San Diego, from San Diego.

Sailed July 12, 8 p. m.—Stmr Santa Clara, for San Diego; midnight, stmr San Diego, for San Diego.

ISLAND PORTS

HONOLULU—Arrived July 12—Schr Wm. H. Smith, from Tacoma; ship Marion Chilcott, from Gaviota; 12 m., Jap stmr Nippon Maru, hence July 6; 2:15 p. m., U. S. stmr Logan, hence July 5; schr Nokomis, from Tacoma.

Sailed July 12, 6 p. m.—Jap stmr Nippon Maru, for Yokohama, etc.

HILO—Sailed July 11—Stmr Hyades, for San Francisco.

BY UNITED WIRELESS

Friday, July 12.

STEAMER YALE—Hence July 11 for San Pedro; 6:30 p. m., passed Pigeon point; light south wind; smooth and cloudy.

STEAMER NORWOOD—Hence July 12 for Grays Harbor, with schooner Ruby in tow; 6:30 p. m., 20 miles north of Point Reyes; light southwest wind; misty; smooth.

STEAMER ROSA—From Port San Luis for San Francisco; 8 p. m., 65 miles south of San Francisco; light westerly wind; moderate swell; cloudy.

BONDS PLACED BY COMMITTEE OF SUPERVISORS

Board Will Take Final Action Monday Awarding Issue to N. W. Halsey & Co.

Officials Are Advised That Market Is on Decline and Terms Best Obtainable

After considerable difficulty in reaching an agreement as to the terms of delivery, the supervisors' finance committee yesterday recommended that the bid of N. W. Halsey & Co. for the $5,300,000 municipal bonds be accepted. Halsey's syndicate, which included Bond & Goodwin, bid $5,542,321, thus allowing the city a premium of $242,321.

Chairman Jennings and Supervisor McCarthy of the committee appeared to be still of their former opinion that the bid, although the highest received, was somewhat lower than the city should have been offered on 5 per cent bonds, which include the $1,000,000 exposition issue and $2,500,000 of the $8,800,000 city hall and civic center issue.

ADVISED TO ACCEPT

Attorney Alfred T. Brock, representing Halsey, and W. P. Scott, representing Bond & Goodwin, assured the committee that the market was on the decline, that there was not a big margin of profit on municipal bonds and that in their opinion if the bids were thrown out and new ones called for the offers would not be any better and possibly worse.

Jennings was anxious that Brock should agree to allow the city to control the delivery of the bonds upon the basis of approximately $1,000,000 a month, pointing out that by this method the city would save a great deal in interest and thus offset the low bid.

Brock declared that it was his intention to co-operate with the city in this particular as far as possible, but that he could not promise to call for the bonds at the rate of only a million a month.

REFUSES TO MAKE PROMISE

"We want to be in a position," he said, "to be able to call for all the bonds before August 15 should we have a sale for them. This emergency may, of course, not arise, and I wish to make no false promises. We may be able to take the bonds at a rate of delivery that will save the city approximately $35,000 in interest, and on the other hand it might be necessary for us to take a large amount on quick delivery. It depends altogether on the market."

"You want things all your own way," answered Jennings.

Brock answered that he did not wish to see his firm lost money, but that, as had been done with other issues in the past, he would give the city every opportunity to hold back deliveries and co-operate in every way possible.

With this understanding the recommendation favoring the award to Halsey was made and will be finally acted upon by the board of supervisors Monday.

Through the efforts of Supervisor Payot, the French colony in this city will receive official recognition tomorrow night during the celebration of the fall of the Bastile. Payot arranged to have the temporary city hall at Eighth and Market streets illuminated for the event and has also asked the harbor officials to light the ferry tower.

AID SOUGHT TO GET CONVENTION

To secure the 1915 convention of the World's Municipal congress for this city, City Attorney Percy V. Long, who returned yesterday from the National League of Municipalities meeting at Los Angeles, has arranged to obtain the aid of the exposition authorities. Long's associate delegates, Supervisors Koshland and Murdock, will go before the exposition with their plan upon their return from the southern city.

Assistant City Attorney English has prepared a formal petition to be presented to the supervisors of Tuolumne county requesting the tax collector to drop the pending court proceedings instituted to obtain taxes on the city's water holdings.

Fred M. Van Orden, secretary of the Hillcrest Water company, yesterday petitioned the supervisors to set aside the claim of J. W. Bloom to the pipes of the water company. The petitioner declares that the pipes belong to the lot owners and that if Bloom's claims are denied the residents will be greatly benefited, as the Spring Valley will use the pipes to give them a large supply of water.

HETCH HETCHY APPROPRIATION

The finance committee yesterday allowed $10,000 for the bureau of engineering to continue its investigations into the Hetch Hetchy and Lake Eleanor district for the purpose of filing a report in August to the government board of military engineers, which will decide the city's right to the water claims.

For the construction of artificial sidewalks surrounding Columbia square the committee allowed $840.

City Engineer Hunt submitted maps showing the progress of the installation of the high pressure water system and the new sewer system. In order to complete the sewer outlet through the Sutro estate the city attorney has found it necessary to write to one of the heirs in Germany, the only one whose consent to giving the city the right of way has not been obtained.

CONCERN MAY BE REASSESSED

The supervisors met as a board of equalization yesterday and cited Pope & Talbot, the lumber firm, to appear before them at their equalization meeting Monday morning at 10 o'clock to show cause why their assessment should not be raised on real estate. The citation was made at the request of the revenue and taxation committee of the Civic League of Improvement Clubs, whose representatives pointed out that Pope & Talbot was assessed for a strip of land 240 by 825 feet, when the records showed, they alleged, that the lumber company had a McEnerney title for land 275 by 825 feet, the additional strip being in Berry street, now occupied by the lumber company, but claimed by both the city and the state.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONVENTION ENDS—Los Angeles, July 12.—The convention of the National Municipal league was brought to a close today by a discussion of the proposed new charter of the city of Los Angeles. Dr. John H. Hynes, chairman of the charter commission of Los Angeles, presided.