

WANTS CITY CONTROL OVER WATERFRONT

Concerted Action by Civic Bodies to Enable This Port to Take Measures to Compete With Rival Cities of Coast

Many of the improvement associations of this city passed resolutions during the week advocating the municipal control of San Francisco's waterfront, and many others have appointed committees to investigate the matter and report back to their associations at their next meetings.

The question of the advantage to this city of having its water front under city control rather than that of the state as it is the present will be discussed. It is generally conceded that if San Francisco is to be able to compete successfully with the other cities of the coast, it must be given the same privileges as they enjoy.

All the cities on the Pacific coast from Vancouver to San Diego now have municipal control of their waterfronts, and the advantages of this control are being pointed out by the legislature in order to raise money for necessary improvements.

The interest and redemption fund can be paid by the city, and the general taxation and the tax on commerce greatly reduced. It would be possible for these cities to make their ports free, while the other cities of the harbor of San Francisco this is not possible, for the money to liquidate the outstanding debt is now in charge on the coast.

The improvement organizations realize the necessity for the citizens of San Francisco to thoroughly investigate these conditions and to find some way in which San Francisco can enjoy the same advantages as Oakland and other cities of the Pacific coast, for if these cities are allowed to make their shipping business better than those of San Francisco, this city will be deprived of much of the commerce that is rightfully hers.

The city of San Francisco has been accorded the same advantages as the other cities so that she will be in a position to successfully compete with them for the commerce that will be attracted by the completion of the Panama canal.

The city of Oakland is now spending a large amount of money for harbor improvements and is acquiring hundreds of acres of land that will be owned by the city, which can be leased for manufacturing and warehouse purposes at a rental that is reasonable. It will attract this kind of business and at the same time give the city money with which to pay off the bonded debt. This will leave the dockage charges at a smaller figure than those of San Francisco, while this city will be powerless to reduce her port charges, if San Francisco is to make her harbor a commercial supremacy she must be allowed to operate her harbor under the same conditions as her commercial rivals.

The Devisadero Street Improvement club passed resolutions and a resolution of ownership and operation of the waterfront of San Francisco by the municipality at its last meeting. This improvement club is jubilant over its victory before the board of supervisors, when by a vote of 16 to 1 the cemeteries were ordered removed. The club, together with other improvement organizations, is waging a long campaign of education to accomplish the removal of the cemeteries that are retarding the growth of the city. Their removal will make available for home sites, and that the barrier between the Western Addition and the Richmond District will be removed, and the construction of streets through these lands.

of convenient station for installation in Mission park and for adoption as the official plan for an economical and practical convenience for the other public squares of the city. The design has been presented to the board of public works and the public welfare committee of the board of supervisors, and the first of the new improvements to be installed in the Mission park, which is the principal public square in the Mission district.

The project outlined by a subcommittee of the board of public health for creating a sanitary condition in and around the abattoir district has received the universal commendation of the board of supervisors and other sections. The project has not yet been brought to the official attention of the mayor by the health department, but as such assistance has been taken, the assistance of the association will be given the municipal and federal authorities to make the movement not merely experimental, but effective of great results. It is the intention to have this commission work in conjunction with the board of public works and the board of supervisors in improving street and sewer conditions in the thickly populated district between Mission street and Butchertown south of the channel.

Matt J. Sullivan, J. B. Zimdars, A. G. Scholz and F. Meyer represented the committee at the conference held Wednesday last between the mayor and the state army commission for the purpose of deciding upon the best possible design for the new army building to be erected with state funds at Fourteenth and Mission streets. Another conference will be held on Thursday next and the ideas of the association's committee will be presented to the board of supervisors.

The interest of the association in the great municipal improvements authorized and now under way has been shown by the decision of the association to object to the expenditure of any of the Geary Street railroad fund for street paving along Geary street. The board of supervisors is now awaiting the city attorney's opinion on the legality of the proposed expenditure.

The South of Army Street Improvement association at its last meeting decided to circulate a petition among the property owners of the district asking the board of supervisors to open Virginia avenue between Mission and Cordova streets. It was decided that the entire membership of the association appear before the mayor a week from Monday night and protest against the condition of the parks in Dolores street. The association desires that these small parks be improved at once and considers that the cost would be small indeed compared to the benefit to the city.

The last meeting of the North Beach Promotion association was addressed by Dr. A. J. Giannini, chairman of the board of supervisors. He spoke on "Fire Protection and Insurance Rates." He said in part:

"The people of this city are justified in their indignation of rate, and as this was promised upon the installation of the high pressure system, and more than half of the system is now completed, so the first reduction in rates should be made at once. The committee having charge of the installation of a modern system of street lighting for Columbus avenue reported that about 80 per cent of the property owners had agreed to make this improvement and they had hopes of inducing these unprogressive property owners to do likewise.

The committee planned as a protest from the residents of North Beach against the invasion of immoral institutions into this populous district, will be held in the auditorium of the Jean Parker school Wednesday night, September 4.

The South Central Association. The South Central Improvement association has sent a communication to the board of supervisors calling their attention to the fact that the owners of the rock bunkers located on Eleventh street near Harrison are violating the law in using these bunkers for the storage of refuse. The association asks that this be stopped or their permit be revoked at once. The association will ask that the district be cleaned up and that the efforts of the association 15,000 feet of sidewalk has been laid on Folsom street from Sixth to Fourteenth and on North Street from First to Mission during the last month. The association will hold a banquet and social evening August 29 in commemoration of the third anniversary of the organization of this improvement club.

STOCKTON PEOPLE EAGER TO GET SUMMER HOME SITES NEAR SAN FRANCISCO. MAKE EXCURSION TO LOOK OVER MARIN COUNTY SUBDIVISION.

GROUP OF HOMESEEEKERS AT MARIN HEIGHTS. LAYING CEMENT SIDEWALKS ALONG SAN PABLO AVENUE IN RICHMOND ANNEX.

Up to the present time Marin county has received less attention on the part of capitalists and investors in general than any bay county. Recent developments, however, lead to the belief that the great undeveloped acreage right at the door of San Francisco will soon be the scene of unprecedented activity.

The Stockton street tunnel and north end ferry connection are a consequent curtailment of traveling time, together with the improvement of the water front for railroad and steamship facilities will have a tremendous effect upon realty values on the Marin shore.

The residents of the interior are apparently alive to the situation as they are turning their attention to Marin county as a desirable place to get summer homes. Last Sunday an excursion from Stockton, Lodi and vicinity, spent the day at Marin heights and upward of 20 lots were purchased.

Buyers at Marin Heights from these localities are John M. McMahon, M. E. Moulie, Miles McCann, H. A. Smith, Miss Gertrude Smith and A. T. Hovory.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS. John J. Murphy to Mary A. Murphy, lot in W. line of Eleventh avenue, 175 S. of Point Lobos avenue, \$2,250 by W. 120; gift. Oscar Heyman & Howard C. Edwards, R. Spicer, lot 9, block 4, Fair subdivision, Holy park, \$2,250. Karl Yague and wife to Edith M. Binnett, lot 22, block 10, Sunset heights, \$2,400. Baker's Beach company to Louis Graham, lot in E. line of Thirty-second avenue, 11,248 N. from S. boundary of lot 15, S. 30, 8, 1/2, E. 28, 3, N. 12, 1/2, 100 S. of Point Lobos, \$1,500. Frank Crane and wife to James J. Elk and wife, lot in E. line of Tenth street, 106, 8, E. of Van Ness, \$2,250 by W. 125; \$10.

Continued from Page 19. looked forward to within 30 days. Several large orders are in for Key Rock preferred stock, but the little which is not held under the control of the company is so tightly held that changes of several points in the market seem to have no effect in loosening it.

Pacific Coast Borax was boosted to 19 1/2 yesterday. The announcement for the company, for which the exchange has been waiting several weeks, will be forthcoming today and the stock probably will reach the 200 point in this morning's session.

Bank clearings as reported to the California Development Board by the several clearing houses for the week ended August 22, 1912, with percentage comparisons for the corresponding week of 1911, are:

City	Amount	Per cent
San Francisco	\$35,000,218	71.0
Los Angeles	20,357,278	28.0
Oakland	4,902,569	62.0
Sacramento	1,580,251	1.0
San Diego	2,480,710	26.8
Fresno	768,171	51.9
San Jose	1,174,245	23.0
San Bernardino	1,174,245	23.0
Bakersfield	432,911	8.0

According to the best figures obtainable the railroads of the country during the first six months of the year have come into the market for 77,000 tons of steel, an increase of 45 per cent, and something over 1,500 passenger cars, according to the Wall Street Journal. Equipment companies are generally working to fullest capacity and are not taking any more orders for delivery before November 1.

Trading was fair yesterday on the stock and bond exchange, with \$54,000 bond sales and the transfer of 520 shares of stock. Associated Oil weakened a point in the sales of the day and closing at \$4. All indications are that its plunge will take place next week. Gas was firm and water improved. Telephone sold in an eight point gain at \$191.1 1/2. United Railroads 4s sold at \$65.75, a gain of half a point over the last sale. Hawaiian sugar, except Onomea, all dropped \$2.00. The market for flour was steady. Giant Powder was ex dividend at 50c and Union Sugar was ex dividend at 25c.

Uncle Sam restrains Alaska land grabbers. New Ruling Knocks Out Choice Sites Without Patents. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 23.—Radical changes in the regulations governing surveys of lands in Alaska, under which fishery companies and others have been enabled to acquire rights to thousands of desirable sites without patenting them, today were made known through the issuance of a new ruling issued by Commissioner Fred Dennett of the general land office.

Under the new ruling all rights under existing surveys will terminate if the survey holder fails to file with the register and receiver of the various land offices appropriate applications to enter before February 1, 1913, accompanying the applications by proof of ownership.

The surveys involved are those technically known as "soldiers' additions," and were originally intended for old soldiers. It is maintained by the government that fisheries companies, under the old ruling, have surveyed valuable landing places and fishing sites along the Alaskan coast, retaining them unused. The government has permitted them to be surveyed in the past, but they were not to be used for fishing purposes, and the companies, they could not be disposed in their possession.

SEARCH FOR ROAST BEEF.—Colonel J. F. Knight of the quartermaster's department at Fort Mason called on police headquarters yesterday and asked the assistance of the police in finding a hired girl who left his employ Thursday after taking a roast of beef.

GRADED DAYS ABOUT TO BE DONE

More Money to Be Made by Developing State's Rich Soil Than Was Taken From Land in Nuggets

By M. C. COATS. Sacramento Valley Representative of the California Development Board. We of California, who for 20 years or more have traveled up and down the great state looking over "oceans" of fertile land, miles and miles of beautiful level land, wheat fields one after another, undivided sections forming townships, and township making immense areas, have become so educated to the bigness of the whole thing that we find it trying to get down to small areas and little farms.

It has remained for the newcomers from the crowded eastern states and Europe, and handbills from such sources, to furnish a very valuable lesson, by picking out 20 acres from a great ranch, putting water on it, getting a living from it, saving money and finally making it worth from \$500 to \$1,000 per acre.

All of which leaves a thinking mind much to study on, and a man with a few thousand dollars is given an opportunity to make money on a safe investment by buying a hundred or a thousand acres of this land at wholesale prices, developing water and reselling at a good profit.

There are now in the Sacramento valley alone over 2,000,000 acres of such land, in tracts to suit, waiting for the man to develop them. Many are accepting the opportunity to get rich never come again. Many have become wealthy buying the large farms, preparing them for the home seeker. The new area that has become important by establishing his permanent abode thereon, becoming a producer, a good citizen and voter, and the head of a happy, healthy family.

The new area that is opening before California will exceed in wealth the golden days of '49. Golden nuggets, 18 karats fine, have their eyes opened to the possibilities lying dormant in California farm lands at the present time.

FAIRMED, Aug. 23.—The general enthusiasm over the good roads project in Merced county crystallized in the organization of the "Pull Together club" of Raymond, composed of 43 live "boosters." A strong effort is being made in this county to get the board of supervisors to call an election, submitting the matter of issuing bonds of \$500,000 for highway purposes to the voters.

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DEER SAID TO CARRY THE TEXAS FEVER TICK. Reports From Cattle Growing Sections Prompt Inquiry. The state game and fish commission has received several reports from cattle raising sections of the state claiming that deer were spreading the Texas fever tick, and that such insects had been found on several deer killed. To investigate the possibility of such a condition, F. C. Clark of the zoology department of the University of California will leave for the south Monday for the purpose of making a deer tick survey. He has been submitted to Clark, but while he found many other parasites he found no Texas fever ticks.

While away Clark will visit San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, San Diego and Los Angeles counties and try to get a count on the deer. He also will make a study of the turkey buzzard with regard to the report that this bird is a germ carrying fowl and spreads the blackleg and hog cholera. It is a misdeed to kill a buzzard in this state. The commission of Diaperal farmers that wild ducks destroy a large quantity of the crops of that valley also will receive the attention of Clark.

EARLY MORNING BLAZE DOES DAMAGE. Fire of unknown origin started on the roof of a building at the corner of 10th and Broadway streets at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning and did considerable damage before it was extinguished by the fire department. The building is owned by the Holmes Book company and is used by the West-Emerson company.

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