EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SEVEN CITIES A UNIT FOR NEW WATER PROJECT

Great Inter-Municipal System of East Bay District Is Fast Crystallizing

Mayors Will Start Election Petitions Moving at Once Among Citizens

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—Petitions for a special election call to create an inter-municipal water district composed of seven cities with an aggregate population of almost 300,000, will be placed in the hands of the officials of the cities involved, Monday to be circulated for the necessary signatures. At a meeting of the mayoral conference committee attended by representatives of the communities to be included, held in Mayor Frank K. Mott's chambers this afternoon, Consulting Engineer J. H. Dockweiler was authorized to have the petitions printed and the mayors pledged themselves to the task of obtaining the backing of their constituents.

It is proposed to create a metropolitan municipal water district in Alameda county to own and operate a water supply and distributing system in the interests of the people. The project is being forwarded under the recently passed municipal water district bill, which was framed and afterward amended at the instance of the Oakland municipal water supply committee.

The territory comprised in the proposed district is that fronting on the east shore of San Francisco bay in Alameda county between Contra Costa county on the north, the town of Alvarado on the south, San Francisco bay on the west and, roughly, the crest of the hills sloping toward the bay on the east. Included in this territory are the municipalities of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, San Leandro, Emeryville, Piedmont and Albany, as well as considerable unincorporated territory.

According to a statement issued by Mayor Mott after the session last evening, it will be possible to hold the election for the organization of the district early in November and the date probably will be set to fall shortly after the general election. In the meanwhile an extensive campaign of education concerning the necessity of municipal ownership of water will be carried throughout the district.

TO GET PLENTY OF SIGNATURES

The recently passed water district bill makes it necessary to place a petition before the board of supervisors of Alameda county asking for the special election to submit the project to the voters. This petition must be signed by 10 per cent of the vote cast at the last general election in each of the districts comprised in the proposed district. There were 29,373 votes cast in the last gubernatorial contest in the entire district, making necessary about 2,940 signatures of which Oakland must furnish 1,872 and Berkeley 544, the other cities following in proportion. It is proposed to obtain about 5,000 signatures to insure the granting of the petition for the election.

The mayors present at the conference held today were Mott of Oakland, Wilson of Berkeley, Noy of Alameda, Gill of San Leandro, Craig of Piedmont and Christie of Emeryville. Mayor Frank K. Roberts of Albany was unable to be present, but has signified his approval of the project.

The petitions asking for the water district election will be ready Monday, according to Dockweiler, and will be accompanied by a small pamphlet setting forth the details of the plan and the reasons why such a project is desired. These petitions will be handed to the seven mayors and will be placed in the hands of citizens to be circulated for signatures immediately.

RESULT OF LONG PREPARATION

Months of painstaking labor and years of planning are behind the proposal to form such a district. Oakland has expended hundreds of thousands of dollars on wearisome litigation over water rates, and has been in constant conflict with the private corporation involved. The project to create a district and operate by public ownership was conceived by Mayor Mott and his advisers, the members of the Oakland municipal water supply committee, Ben H. Pendleton, George W. Dornin and W. T. Veitch.

When it was agreed that this was the course to pursue, the Oakland officials bent all their energies to the consummation of the project. An enabling act was drafted, co-operation was gained from other communities, trips were made to Sacramento to see the legislation necessary to a successful issue, and the preliminary surveys, maps and specifications were prepared by Oakland engineers under the direction of Mayor Mott and his water committee. Several conferences were held with the mayors of the seven cities involved, and a year ago the mayoral conference committee was organized to help forward the work.

It will be necessary to hold two elections to get the district under way; the first, in November, to create and organize the district, and the second within 90 days thereafter to elect five directors at large to act with a director appointed by the mayor of each of the municipalities as the board of directors of the water district.

POWERS OF THE BOARD

"The board will have full power to call bond elections, buy and sell realty, transact business and do everything necessary to operate such a district. The district government and administration will be subject, however, to the exercise by the electorate of the powers of the initiative, referendum and recall, making the water plant in reality the property of the consumers.

"It must not be thought that this project is directed against the People's Water company or any other individual concern," explained Mayor Mott after the conference. "This is a larger plan than that, and is based upon a larger and more comprehensive policy. It is recognized today as an axiom in municipal government and economics that it is best for a community to control and operate its own water plant. It is best because it saves the consumer, because it insures health and sanitary conditions of the community, and because it makes surer and cheaper the protection of the community from fire risks and other dangers.

"We have worked hard on this plan, and we think that everything is in readiness to go ahead with the project.

"The creation of such a district is a necessary preliminary to going into such a project as the Hetch Hetchy in any efficient and comprehensive manner. We are preparing as best we may for the larger needs of the future."

Popular Girl Back From Long Outing

Miss Helen Cornelius, who with her mother and brother, has been enjoying a vacation on Howell mountain.

Three Members of Old Family of Encinal City at Home Again

ALAMEDA, Aug. 29.—Miss Helen Cornelius has returned from Woodworths, Howell mountain, where she spent a vacation of six weeks with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Cornelius, and her sister and brother, Miss Alva Cornelius and Worden Cornelius. Swimming, horseback riding and tennis were among the sports enjoyed by Miss Cornelius while on the outing. Miss Cornelius is a member of one of the early day prominent families of Alameda. She is a graduate of the Alameda high school, taking her diploma from that institution with high honors.

OFFICIAL PROVES GOOD AUCTIONEER

Commissioner Baccus Hammers Bids Sky High in Auction Sale of Cottage

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—"Going, going, gone!" These were the words that Commissioner of Streets Baccus droned over and over again in his first appearance as city auctioneer. A five room cottage had been acquired by the city in condemnation proceedings for the opening of Twenty-fifth avenue, and the removal of the small building was a necessary preliminary to putting through the street work. Baccus was told to auction the cottage off for the city.

It was estimated that the cottage might go at about $125. The bidding opened at just $50. Baccus, hammer in hand, expatiated upon the beauties of the little home, praised the wall paper, told of the excellent plumbing and of the convenient architecture.

With a glowing description of the beauties of the cottage, Baccus aroused the interest of the small crowd gathered from the neighborhood. The bidding, which had begun half in fun, grew serious, and rivalries became apparent among the bidders. Baccus began to enjoy his task. With skilful handling of the rival interests, Baccus raised the bid from $50 to $150, when the jealousy became so keen that it was with little difficulty that the house was raised to $265, and the building was knocked down to the owner of adjoining land.

TIPPER CALLS POLICE AFTER GIVING AWAY $5

Unconsciously Hands Porter Gold Coin for 5 Cents

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—Burglars broke into the home of Mrs. M. Green, 2444 Ninth avenue, last night and stole a gold watch with fleur de lis set with diamonds, gold neckchain, $1 in silver and suit of clothes. The loss is estimated at $90.

Louie Lele, 511 Twenty-second street, gave what he thought was a tip of 5 cents to a porter in a local barber shop and learned later the coin was $5 in gold. He asked the police to recover the change.

Annie Finnigan, 537 Eighth street, reported the theft of a hatpin, a pair of silk stockings and a small statue of St. Joseph.

Other thefts follow: H. B. Stearns, 6429 Regent street, home entered, silverware valued at $14 taken.

J. A. Lewis, 505 Clay street, room entered, several suits of clothes valued at $70 taken.

POLICE ARREST PAIR FOR STEALING JUNK

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—Unavailing search was made today by the police for owners of a small wagonload of brass fixtures and lead pipe and plumbing stolen from numerous new houses in Oakland. Patrolman E. W. Brock arrested James Thompson and John Wilson at Sixth and Broadway, where they were attempting to dispose of some of the brass and lead. The police say they admitted stealing the metal.

A Thrifty Housewife

The happiest homes are the ones that have been gradually furnished by economical housekeepers. Women who watch for opportunities should read about the eight day clock on the first want page of this paper.

BABIES COO AT ELMHURST SHOW

Hazel Burrols Given Prize for Being Prettiest Girl Infant at Carnival

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—The second day of the Elmhurst U. P. E. C carnival exceeded the opening day in the matter of attendance, an even greater crowd than the one which thronged the "Lane of Fun and Frolic" on Monday evening turning out to witness the baby show and participate in Eagles' night.

About 50 youngsters under 4 years of age were entered in the baby show in the afternoon and it was only after lengthy deliberation that the judges were able to decide on the merits of the various contestants before they could satisfy themselves as to the prize winners. Hazel Burrols was awarded the prize for the prettiest girl baby and Richard McKintosh carried off like honors for his sex, annexing the prize as the best looking boy. Florence Fuch and Mabel de Mattan were also awarded prizes for being the prettiest youngsters in their respective classes.

In the evening the members of Fruitvale aerie No. 1375, Fraternal Order of Eagles, had charge of the program. With visiting members of the order they paraded East Fourteenth street, finishing in an informal reception in honor of the king and queen at the throne in the center of the carnival grounds.

Friday afternoon will be School Children's day, the students of the city schools in the Elmhurst district being scheduled to parade at 3 o'clock.

Prizes will be awarded for the best marching school and for the best school band. The children will be presented with free tickets to the concessions on the Lane of Fun and Frolic.

PAINTER IS ARRESTED FOR CHECK PASSING

Charges of Forgery Are Made by Police

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—The police announced that a promising career of forgery and check passing was checked today with the arrest of Frank Fernandez of San Francisco, who gives his occupation as that of painter. He was taken into custody by Inspectors W. J. Emigh and T. Wood, at the request of the Harrington McInnis Printing company, which had previously been warned to be on the lookout for Fernandez. He was booked on a charge of forgery and on another of passing fictitious checks. The police say the man has been passing bogus checks on printing firms and florists about town and that they have been in search of him for some time.

PANEL IS DRAWN FOR A NEW GRAND JURY

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—A new grand jury panel was drawn today at the request of District Attorney Donahue. Thirty names were taken from the box and Thursday next 19 will be sworn in as grand jurors. The action was taken to comply with the law calling for a new grand jury every year.

Names of the talesmen follow:

W. A. Rouse, Oscar F. Breiling, Charles W. Hunt, Andrew Block, James Daisiel, George Kirk, V. S. Northey, F. P. Furey, J. J. McElroy, Henry A. Dow, E. W. Kinney, Manuel Borges, R. G. Graham, E. G. Bruswell, Byron Butley, Charles J. O'Kell, Arthur E. Corder, Frank W. Arnold, Charles C. Cushing, I. B. Parsons, W. D. Macdonald, David B. Hunter, A. M. Milwain, Daniel Crowley, Frank Tussey, W. J. Trott, F. L. Gove, William C. Fletcher, Frederick Kahn and S. B. Cosner.

WESTERN PACIFIC CHIEFS CONFER

Fifteen Company Officials Discuss Ways of Boosting Bay Cities

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—A conference of men high in the Western Pacific Railway company was held here today, 15 officials being present. The time was devoted to a discussion of ways and means for featuring the east bay cities in future publications of the railroad. According to present plans, special pamphlets are to be issued describing resorts and hotels in this vicinity.

The party arrived at the Key Route inn, where they were met by District Freight and Passenger Agent W. B. Townsend. After the meeting a luncheon was given, followed by a tour over the Oakland Traction lines in an observation car.

In the party were E. L. Lomax, passenger traffic manager; J. G. Lowe, district passenger agent, San Francisco; A. H. Moffitt, traveling passenger agent; C. R. Miller, general baggage agent; J. C. Havely, district freight and passenger agent, Sacramento; F. E. Lovejoy, traveling passenger agent; Edwin Blakely, advertising agent; J. Q. Patton, general agent, San Jose; H. T. Holmes, traveling passenger agent; T. F. Brosnahan, general agent, Fresno; F. R. Kane, traveling passenger agent; R. V. Crowder, city ticket agent, San Francisco; D. S. McCrone, traveling passenger agent, and E. C. Preston, traveling passenger agent.

A. A. Denison, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, complimented the railroad men on the folder recently issued and promised to bring the matter before the directors in the near future for honorable mention. The folder displays the name of Oakland on the cover in the same size type that is accorded San Francisco. Oakland is mentioned more than 50 times in the publication.

PIEDMONT ASSESSMENTS ARE CUT 30 PER CENT

Minor Reductions Are Granted Property Owners

PIEDMONT, Aug. 29.—A general cut of 30 per cent on the assessment of all properties in this city has been ordered by the board of equalization. The total assessment was $8,761,005. Now it is $5,826,173. To the latter figure will be added $156,975 for personal property.

At the same meeting and before the general cut was ordered other minor reductions were granted to protestants. Mark L. Requa was among these, obtaining a reduction of his assessment from $18,000 to $16,500. Another was Florence E. Blair, from $35,250 to $29,500.

Requa made a speech before the board of equalization in which he maintained that Mayor Craig's appraisers had worked too hastily in appraising Piedmont property for a readjustment of the tax rate.

BODY OF YACHT OWNER IS FOUND

Floater Found at Alameda Mole Is Identified as Edwin R. Gleason

ALAMEDA, Aug. 29.—The body of Edwin R. Gleason of 916 Kirkham street, Oakland, was found floating in the bay off the south side of the Alameda mole today by L. A. Smith of 1102 Jackson street, Oakland, and L. R. Branstetter of 2526 Tenth avenue, Oakland. The identification was made through a poll tax receipt found in a card case in a coat pocket. The remains were in a good state of preservation. The body was taken to the morgue, where an inquest will be held.

Gleason left Oakland a week ago in the auxiliary sloop Independence with the purpose of bringing the craft around to the south end of Regent street in this city. The craft was picked up adrift off the Alameda mole last Friday.

Gleason's disappearance was reported to the Oakland police yesterday by T. L. Wallace of Oakland, a friend of the dead man. Gleason is said to have left relatives in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

JUDGE ARCHBALD ASKS FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Judge R. W. Archbald of the commerce court, whose trial under impeachment proceedings is pending before the senate, has asked Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court, temporarily to relieve him of duty.

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E. F. Garrison, Who Leads Plans For Stockton Invasion

Alameda County Parlors Preparing Campaign to Get 1913 Celebration

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—E. F. Garrison, chairman of the Alameda county parlors' general committee, making preparations for the invasion of Stockton Admission day by the Native Sons of the Golden West, announced arrangements are practically completed for the big affair.

All the parlors from Alameda county will participate, leaving this city on a special train over the Western Pacific the morning of September 7. The celebration will be held September 7, 8 and 9.

Interest has been strengthened for the Alameda county Native Sons and Native Daughters, because of the attempt to secure next year's celebration for Oakland. A strong campaign against several other cities will be waged on arrival of the delegates in the slough city. The September 9 committee has been meeting weekly for several months to discuss details, with the result their campaign is perfected. Among other campaign paraphernalia, they have arranged to distribute several thousand hat bands bearing the inscription, "Meet Me in Oakland in 1913."

Admission day the Alameda parlors, in conjunction with parlors from all over the state, will march through the principal streets of Stockton in a monster parade. Two thousand marchers will represent this county.

The Native Sons are working diligently to bring about the closing of all stores Admission day. The majority of the merchants have signified their willingness to observe the holiday.

The committees which have arranged for Alameda county's side of the celebration are:

General chairman, E. F. Garrison; vice chairman, A. J. Summers, secretary, A. A. Rewig.

Transportation—A. L. Gehard, Athens; Henry Henkins, Brookln; A. L. Beheman, Halcyon; E. D. Peterson, Estudillo; F. McCarthy, Bay View.

Ways and means—W. E. Kelly, Estudillo; L. B. Hall, Oakland; R. F. Reeves, Fruitvale; J. H. Peterson, Alameda; Charles Corrigan, Athens.

Auditing—E. J. Curran, R. B. Felton, H. C. Henkin.

Press—J. F. Craig, Halcyon; A. R. Larson, Berkeley; J. Haar, Eden; H. C. Barton, Estudillo; W. J. Lane, Richmond; H. F. Vogt, Brooklyn; M. B. Morrison, Piedmont; L. J. Sterling, Bay View; R. B. Felton, Fruitvale; H. N. Sheramskey, Alameda; W. T. O'Connor, Claremont; M. J. Cramer, Oakland; George Bonde, Niles; C. W. Fairchilds, Athens.

SORORITIES ANNEX 'FRESHMAN' COEDS

Most Women Societies at University End "Rushing" Season for Neophytes

BERKELEY, Aug. 29.—Several of the sororities of the University of California have chosen their new members out of the present "freshman" class, and the "rushing" season is nearly ended, although one or two of the Greek letter societies which are to occupy new houses will not name their neophytes for some time yet.

Th Alpha Omicron Pi girls have chosen seven new members—Miss Edna Taber, Berkeley; Miss Lois Forsyth, Santa Rosa; Miss Kathleen Mains, Turlock, Miss Katherine Hubbard, Berkeley; Miss Margaret Haseltine, Berkeley; Miss Marie Warren, Los Angeles, and Miss Ruth Carson, San Francisco.

Eight new women won membership in the Chi Omega sorority, as follows: Miss Mary Bell, San Francisco; Miss Genevieve Townsend, Berkeley; Miss Rose Barker, Berkeley; Miss Florence Kelsey, Berkeley; Miss Gladys Eggers, Alameda; Miss Grace Parker, Oakland; Miss Agnes Wilson, Vallejo, and Miss Zelma Potter, Los Angeles.

Chosen by the Gamma Phi Beta society were Miss Dorothy Westhrop, Kenwood; Miss Katherine Saunders, Merced; Miss Sarah Daniels and Miss Persis Buell, Minneapolis.

The Alpha Xi Delta neophytes are Miss Alma Pennington, San Francisco; Miss Gertrude Sloane, New York city; Miss Ina Cherry, Berkeley; Miss Ida Cherry, Berkeley; Miss Gail Parmenter and Miss Myrtle Williamson.

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority has chosen six initiates, these being Miss Dorothy Torley, Miss Mary Stillman, Miss Jane Bangs, Miss Katherine Thomas, Miss Corinne Corris and Miss Ruth Edinger.

BAREFOOT BURGLAR STILL ON THE JOB

Loots Three More Alameda Homes and Escapes

ALAMEDA, Aug. 29.—The barefoot burglar, who has been reaping a harvest in the fashionable residential neighborhood, continues to elude the police and the list of the places he has visited is growing.

The homes of W. A. Edinger, 2058 Central avenue; C. S. Peck, 2057 Central avenue, and M. J. Parkhurst, 2037 Central avenue, have been added to the places burglarized by the sockless housebreaker.

In all three dwellings the method pursued by the thief was similar to that used in robbing the homes of Rev. C. L. Mears and Dr. L. W. Stidham. The thief, after gaining access to the houses, went to the sleeping rooms, gathered up the clothing therein and, taking it to another room, rifled the pockets.

WALCOTT GIVES REASON FOR INSANITY CHARGE

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—H. E. Walcott told in Judge's Waste's court today his reasons for swearing to an insanity affidavit against Mary A. Sullivan last February. The occasion was the trial of her suit for $25,000 damages.

Walcott said she had forbidden his children to walk on the sidewalk in front of her house and that Miss Sullivan had made faces at the children and acted strangely, according to information given him by his wife.

Deputy District Attorneys Smith and Satterwhite, who issued the complaint, will be witnesses in behalf of Walcott.

CLOTHES STOLEN; OWNER ACCUSED

OAKLAND, Aug. 29.—Arrested for burglary and accused of stealing his own clothes from the cleaning and dyeing establishment of I. Boas to avoid paying the bill for renovation, Frank Good, son of a well known land owner of Fresno county, had his preliminary hearing before Justice Aaron Turner this afternoon and was given his freedom because there was not sufficient evidence to hold him.

Following the alleged burglary Good was summoned to describe his suit of clothes, which was the only one selected from a large assortment at the mercy of the burglar. Inspector Thomas Wood noticed that Good's shoes were the size of those worn by the burglar, according to measurements made of the footprints.

Testimony was introduced in an attempt to corroborate by finger print identification the theory that Good had stolen his own clothes. The testimony was not sufficient.

ALUMNI TO MEET—Alameda, Aug. 29.—The semiannual meeting of the Alameda High School Alumni association will be held tomorrow evening in the assembly hall in the Haight street school. The business session will be followed by a dance.

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