

CITY ACQUIRES FINE SITE FOR ITS AUDITORIUM

Pays the Mechanics' Institute \$701,437.08 for Pavilion Lot in Civic Center

Mayor Ralph Signs Warrant Which Closes Deal and Title Is Taken

San Francisco now owns the land upon which will be built the \$1,000,000 auditorium in the civic center. The purchase was consummated yesterday in the office of Auditor Boyle, when the city paid to the Mechanics' Institute \$701,437.08 for the old Mechanics' pavilion lot, bounded by Larkin, Polk, Hayes and Grove streets.

Members of the library institute are jubilant over the deal, because it has enabled them to pay off a mortgage of \$218,835.04 held by the German Savings and Loan society. The original mortgage was \$325,000, but \$6,164.96 had been paid before the final payment yesterday.

Witness to the transfer Among those present during the transfer of one property were W. B. Pence, representing the Bank of California; Detective Sergeant Walsh of the mayor's office; J. G. Spaulding, representing the Mechanics' Institute; J. H. Wood, secretary of the Mechanics' Institute; F. A. Denicke, attorney for the Mechanics' Institute; W. D. Newhouse, representing the German Savings and Loan society; J. S. Dunigan, representing the board of supervisors; Auditor Thomas F. Boyle; Livingston Jenks, president of the Standard Title Trust and Insurance company, and others.

The property that yesterday went into the hands of the city was bought in December, 1880, from Archbishop J. S. Alemany, who was head of the Roman Catholic church of this city, for the sum of \$175,000. This purchase was made in the face of considerable opposition from members of the Mechanics' Institute who did not think the purchase advisable.

At that time the institute owned the Mechanics' pavilion, which it had built on leased land at the southeast corner of Eighth and Market streets, running to Mission street, where it had been holding the Mechanics' fairs, which were the great annual events at that time in this city. This building was torn down and a large part of the material used in constructing the new pavilion, which was built on the newly purchased lot.

Pavilion opened in 1882. The new pavilion was opened by the Mechanics' fair of 1882 and remained on the land until it burned down in the fire of 1906. Early in the morning of April 18, 1906, when those wounded in the disaster were brought to the receiving hospital in the city hall opposite the pavilion, which they found so injured by the earthquake that it could not be used, the custodian of the building threw the pavilion doors open and became the receiving hospital for the city until threatened by fire and all the wounded and dead were hastily removed.

The last Mechanics' fair was held in 1899.

CIVIC CENTER SUIT SETTLED

"The backbone of the property owners' opposition to the city's suits for condemnation of lands for the civic center is broken," said City Attorney Percy V. Long yesterday as he left Judge B. V. Sargent's courtroom, where the Van Ness company had announced willingness to accept the city's valuation rather than go to trial, although a jury had been drawn. Long's settlement was obtained by Assistant City Attorney Jesse Steinhart, who had personal charge of the case.

The city condemned the property fronting 275 feet in Van Ness avenue, 24 feet in Fulton street and 134 feet in Grove street, at \$320,000 for the land and \$51,000 for the building. The defendant asked \$518,000 and the city refused.

Fortified with professional and expert data, Steinhart prepared to show that the city's valuation was correct. The defendant, however, became convinced the city could prove its case and consented to accept the city's offer. The outcome of the litigation gives the city control of more than two-thirds of the civic center site.

HOTELING LANDS OFFERED TO CITY

Through City Attorney Long the Hoteling estate has offered to sell the city for \$700,000 a strip of land with a frontage of 1,800 feet on the Great Highway, as the connecting link between Golden Gate park and the Sutro property. Mayor Ralph now holds in escrow deeds to the Sutro property bordering the ocean and adjacent to Lincoln park. Should the Sutro deal be closed the Hoteling lands would stand between Golden Gate park and the proposed Sutro Heights park.

Auto Wooing Wins a Bride Prominent Families United



Mrs. Angelo Giurlani, who was Miss Fruza Pierini, a noted beauty of San Jose, before her recent marriage.

Angelo Giurlani Marries Fruza Pierini, Italian Beauty of San Jose

Supplanting the graceful gondola as the silent guardian of romance in old Venice, the modern six cylinder auto has proved the means of uniting two prominent Italian families of this city and San Jose, and is whirling away on their southern honeymoon Angelo Giurlani and his bride, who was Miss Fruza Pierini of San Jose.

While the auto played a leading part in the courtship of Giurlani, the striking beauty of Miss Pierini is of the sort that makes distance of no consequence and automobiles a mere means of annihilating intervening space.

The wedding took place Monday night at St. Joseph's church in San Jose, only a few friends of the family being present. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Gaetano Pierini, whose late husband was a well known business man of the Garden City. Miss Pierini is popular in musical circles and has a host of friends both here and at home.

Giurlani is president of Giurlani Brothers, importers of Italian goods in this city. Among his friends in the financial "Rialto" who wished him goodspeed on his southern auto trip was Supervisor Giannini, who foresook his banking cares to pay a parting tribute at the shrine of beauty.

FIRST STATE RICE YIELD ON DISPLAY

Great Interest Centers in New California Industry Show by Commerce Chamber

The first sample of California grown rice ever shown on the floor of the local Chamber of Commerce was exhibited yesterday in the grain pit, having been brought in by B. J. Garrett from the vicinity of Butte county. The sample caused considerable interest and led to a prediction by Garrett that within two years it will be traded in as a staple, the same as grain futures are at present.

Garrett is confident rice growing will be one of the chief agricultural industries of the state before many years and will add greatly to the wealth. Approximately 1,700 acres are already planted to rice in the vicinity of Biggs and 20,000 acres in the same district will be under rice cultivation next season.

Rice may be grown successfully in many parts of the state, but it has remained for Butte county to become the pioneer. The bottom lands of Butte county are peculiarly adapted to rice growing and the yield runs 50 sacks to the acre, or four times as much as wheat, while the market value is double that of wheat. The yield in southern rice states and in the orient is only 30 sacks to the acre.

The United States government maintains an agricultural station near Biggs and has been paying particular attention to rice cultivation. Y. M. C. A. WELCOMES ITS NEW SECRETARY Reception Held for Ralph C. Goodwin and Wife

A reception of welcome was given last evening to Ralph C. Goodwin, newly appointed associate general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of this city, and to Mrs. Goodwin at the association headquarters.

GEARY STREET CARS PAY CHECK TAKEN PROMISED DEC. 24

Contractors Double Working Force to Supply Rolling Stock On Date Set

The Geary street municipal railway cars are now being constructed at a livelier pace by means of a double force of mechanics, night work and Sunday shifts.

W. L. Holman & Co., the contractors, notified the board of works yesterday that the recent order to double the force and inject speed into the construction of the city rolling stock had been complied with.

The works board is paying daily visits to the shops and expects to have the first 20 cars completed in the barns and ready for operation December 24. CAR LABELS MISLEADING

Certain McAllister street cars are labeled "Beach" when they are going to the ferry, car No. 7, on the Haight street line, is marked "Haight street" on both ends, and street names on other cars are misleading and confusing, according to a complaint filed with the supervisors yesterday by James Caley, 3971 Eighteenth street.

"Any car that has the ferry for one of its terminals ought to be labeled 'ferry' on one end," said Caley. "Caley also enters an objection to any compromise with the United Railroads by which it would be permitted to operate the Sutter street cars over the outer tracks in lower Market street.

The Diamond Street Improvement club asked the supervisors to direct the United Railroads to open the front and end gates of pay as you enter cars to mechanics who carry home their bags of tools during the rush hours.

Nine persons were injured in the operation of the California street cable railroad during the three months ending June 30, according to the report filed yesterday by Superintendent James N. Harris.

RULE AGAINST JOY RIDES City autos must not be used outside the limits of the municipality without permission of the board of supervisors. An ordinance to this effect was recommended to the board yesterday by the efficiency committee, to check any additional expense for gasoline and repair bills which might arise were officials permitted to use the machines for "joy rides." No complaint has been lodged as an inspiration for the ordinance, but the efficiency committee believes in the old adage about prevention.

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SEATTLE BANKER PLEADS INNOCENCE OF SLAYING

Arthur and Bernice Ward Will Fight Charges

Bernice Ward and Arthur Ward, a banker, of Seattle, pleaded not guilty to the charge of conspiring to import American girls into Japan for immoral purposes yesterday in the United States district court.

Ward was represented by Attorney Hiram C. Gill, recalled, waived all preliminary proceedings and announced that he wanted to be tried immediately.

A demurrer was filed by Attorney Gill, it being the same as the demurrer filed by Marshall Woodward on behalf of his client, Bernice Ward, but the court promptly overruled it.

Ward is accused of furnishing the money for the women to go to Japan, while the Ward woman is accused of arranging for the passage to the orient. She was arrested on the steamer Manchuria with the women after the vessel had put to sea. The trial was set for Thursday, November 7, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

JUVENILE BURGLAR SENT TO REFORMATORY

Superior Judge Cabanis yesterday sentenced Robert Mort, a youth accused of many burglaries, to 11 months at the Jones reform school.

Walter Kelly, arrested with Mort, has been placed on probation. John Murray, also a member of the gang, who was shot in attempting to escape, is awaiting trial.

James Daly, convicted of selling drugs in violation of the state poison law, was fined \$50 yesterday by Police Judge Shortall with an alternative of spending 100 days in the county jail.

Harry L. Eppinger, convicted of passing a worthless check, was placed on probation yesterday by Superior Judge Cabanis.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA ARRANGE CHARITY BALL

The general relief committee of the Foresters of America has appointed William O'Shaughnessy of Court Superior; J. Murphy, Court Bonita; F. C. Helm, Court Live Oak; William G. Stahli, Jr., Court Delancey; M. Bloom, Court Magnolia; George I. Warren, Court Euclidean; J. Label, Court Aurora, and A. J. Monogue, Court Eclipse, a committee to arrange for the eleventh annual ball, to be given in American Foresters' hall, November 2, in aid of the charitable fund.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED—Two warrants for the arrest of W. T. Palmquist were issued by Police Judge Shortall yesterday on the complaint of S. C. Grant, 44 Fifth street. One charges the embezzlement of \$100 and the other the passing of a spurious \$100 check.

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