

# SPRING VALLEY A RIDDLE

## Offer of City Is Deemed Just

### Citizens Generally Think Price for Water Plant Is Equitable and Liberal

A general feeling of dissatisfaction at the action of the Spring Valley Water company in refusing the city's offer of \$37,000,000 and half the impounded money for the holdings of the corporation is being expressed by those who wish to see the city in possession of its own water plant. This sentiment is tempered by the fact that the city's offer is not a mere bid to meet and prevail upon the water company to reconsider its refusal and accept the bid of the city.

In official circles, particularly among the board of supervisors, the impression prevails that the refusal of the executive board of the corporation is not final. According to Supervisor Vogelsang, chairman of the public utilities committee, the judgment of the directors and stockholders would bear such an influence upon the executive officers that the offer ultimately would be accepted.

The last word on the part of the city in connection with the offer will be pronounced officially at the meeting of the board of supervisors Monday, when the proposition made by the advisory water committee will be ratified. Supervisor Vogelsang believes that condemnation proceedings would keep the matter in an unsettled condition for years and delay the urgent need of citizens in outlying districts who are in need of water.

A careful canvass among business men and residents in all parts of the city indicates that consumers have reached a point where almost any settlement would be welcomed. Supervisor Vogelsang's aversion to condemnation proceedings finds many supporters, while others, particularly in the residential districts, advocate the immediate beginning of suits against the company. One and all, however, urge immediate action of some sort. It is pointed out that the action of the water company lies not entirely with the executive board, but that the stockholders should be consulted to some extent.

That the city's offer is fair in every respect and deserving of more than a hasty action is the general belief. This opinion is not confined to the resident, but is shared by business men and manufacturers as well.

The following, taken from many expressions, furnishes a fair idea of the convictions of the general public:

**LEON LIEBES OF H. LIEBES & CO.** "So small a sum as the difference stated should not stand in the way if the city thinks enough of the idea to consider it so seriously as it has. A small sum should not frustrate the consummation of the deal, and it seems that the city requires the plant."

**STOCKHOLDERS SHOULD HAVE SAY**  
Eustace Cullinan, president Mission Promotion association: "The stockholders of Spring Valley certainly ought to have something to say in this matter. Every holder of a share of stock should write to the directors urging them to accept the offer, for they will get more for the stock under this purchase than they ever will in any other way, unless the city buys after years of condemnation proceedings. Not only will they get a good dividend price, but they will realize through rise in land values of the Lake Merced properties. In this corporation the so-called minority stockholders, or outsiders, hold the controlling interest, and they ought to have great influence."

**SPRING VALLEY'S TERMS FAIR**  
Domingo Ghirardelli, president D. Ghirardelli & Co.: "I think the Spring Valley's terms are fair and equitable, and their plan is the best. I don't know where the city could do any better, and if they started condemnation proceedings no decision would be reached for four or five years."

**SPRING VALLEY HELDS TRUMP**  
S. H. Norton, president of the Market Street, Homestead and Corbett Avenue Improvement club: "I think we will have to accept the Spring Valley's terms. We can't force them to do anything they don't want, and the sooner we get started on something we will have to do some day, the less it will cost us."

**CONDEMNATION IS OPPOSED**  
Dr. O. W. Fearstern, chief of the United States district court, and the United States court of appeal, 1632 Forty-ninth avenue: "Pay more for the Spring Valley company's property rather than take advantage of this offer. I am satisfied with any action the present board of supervisors may do."

**CITY'S OFFER CERTAINLY FAIR**  
T. A. Reardon, 671 Fulton street: "In offering to purchase the Spring Valley water works for \$37,000,000 and allow the company to keep half the impounded money, Mayor Rolph and the other members of the advisory water committee certainly made a fair proposition. I feel that the voters of San Francisco would sustain the position taken by the city officials and that the water company must certainly accept the proposition as it now stands. The people in the outlying districts are in great need of water. Condemnation proceedings may be necessary, but it would be better for both sides to avoid them. There would be much delay and expense if the matter went into the courts. I hope Spring Valley will take advantage of this excellent opportunity to sell out at a fair price."

**NOW FOR MORE JOCKEYING**  
R. M. J. Armstrong, president Parkside Improvement association: "It is up to Spring Valley to do the jockeying around for so long. Now that the city has finished, if it is only \$1,000,000 or \$1,500,000 which stands in the way, the city should not pass it by; but at the same time, the city should not jump at the present offer of the company."

**OFFER FROM CITY JUST**  
George Renner, president of the Draymen's association: "I think the offer from the city is fair, and that the Spring Valley Water company should accept it."

**VOTERS SHOULD SUSTAIN PRICE**  
J. J. Calish, 1442 Forty-seventh avenue: "In view of the fact that the water question has been thoroughly, commercially as well as scientifically, gone over in full detail, I feel confident that the price offered by the city is a satisfactory one and should be accepted by the company and sustained by the voters."

**OUTLYING DISTRICTS BENEFIT**  
James P. Shevin, 83 Norton street: "The city's offer for Spring Valley is liberal, to say the least. An excellent opportunity now is at hand to end the long series of controversies in a manner and at a figure that should prove satisfactory to both sides. The settlement would be of incalculable benefit to residents in outlying districts who are suffering from an inadequate water supply, and at the same time give Spring Valley all, if not more, than it is entitled to for its plant. The water company should accept it."

**COMPANY SHOULD DO RIGHT THING**  
Miss Mary A. Commerford, 20 Hyde street: "If the proposition to purchase Spring Valley was submitted to the voters at the figure offered by the city yesterday I think it would carry. The offer of \$37,000,000 and half the impounded money makes the city's offer really no more than \$500,000 difference between what the city offers and the company asks. I think Spring Valley should do the right thing by the people and accept."

**OFFER IS LIBERAL ENOUGH**  
J. P. Bobo, 1258 Mission street: "I have talked to a large number of citizens on this water question, as all in my district as well as others of the city are deeply interested. The general opinion seems to be that \$37,000,000 would be an offer most acceptable to the people. That figure would carry at the polls without a doubt. I believe that even a somewhat higher offer might be made by the city and still be approved by the voters, but I feel, as do many others, that the offer made yesterday is liberal enough and will give Spring Valley a good price for its plant."

**SHOULD EFFECT A COMPROMISE**  
I. F. Littlefield, president W. P. Fuller company: "While I have given the matter no serious thought, it would seem that some compromise could be arrived at, ending in an amicable settlement of the matter."

**BUY SYSTEM AT ANY COST**  
Paul O'Brien, deputy clerk of the United States court of appeals, 329 Irving street: "The water will not run on the upper story of my home. If municipally owned water means as good service as municipally owned Geary street railroad let us buy Spring Valley's water event at a greater cost than \$37,000,000. Too much can not be said in regard to municipally owned and operated public services. It is the only solution for much of our discomfort and should be taught in the public schools."

**CONDEMNATION ONLY RELIEF**  
F. E. Merryfield, manager General Fine Arts company: "The Spring Valley water company is delaying the matter deliberately. There is only one solution, and that is to commence condemnation proceedings at once."

# PASTOR HORN IS UNDER ARREST ON BIGAMY CHARGE

## Minister Caught in Richmond Following Visit to Oakland Sticks to Twin Brother Story

After several days of skipping about hither and yon and leading his pursuers a merry chase through church helly and choir loft, Rev. Frank Horn, the clergyman of swift and baffling disappearances, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Richmond, was arrested yesterday at Richmond on a charge of bigamy. This move followed a divorce suit by Mrs. Eva Mae Metz de Tovrea, who claims to be Horn's wife. The elusive cleric was accused by Mrs. de Tovrea, who swore to a complaint alleging that Horn married a woman named Jennie Sidwell in Everett, Wash., in the spring of 1910, and that he was still married at the time of his taking Mrs. de Tovrea, who was Miss Eva Mae Metz of Redding, as his wife in Redwood City in September, 1910.

**MAINTAINS INNOCENCE**  
Although the net appeared to be gradually tightening about him, the faunt pastor still maintained his innocence and clung tenaciously to the story which he first offered as an explanation, that he was the victim of mistaken identity and that his predicament was due to the faults of a twin brother who bears a remarkable likeness to himself. This even after being confronted by the young woman after his arrest.

The vanishing pastor had been spending the last two or three days with relatives in Oakland, according to Chief of Police Arnold of Richmond. Arnold received word late Wednesday night that Horn was not yet off his hands, and that the preacher would be due to pay a visit to Richmond yesterday. So he awaited the return of the pastor. He placed Sergeant of Police Walker on the job and the officer detained Horn at the corner of Park place and Washington avenue. The pastor was walking unconcernedly down the street as though he had no trouble in the world. He was taken immediately to the police station.

**WIFE ARRIVES ON SCENE**  
Chief Arnold in the meantime sent word to Mrs. de Tovrea, in San Francisco, and the latter was on hand to face Horn, accompanied by her attorneys, D. J. Hall and C. A. Odell. Horn was brought face to face with Mrs. de Tovrea for the first time since she had filed suit for divorce in San Francisco. "Is that the man?" asked Chief Arnold.

"Yes, that is Owen de Tovrea, and no one else," exclaimed Mrs. de Tovrea, positively.

"You are positive about it?" insisted Arnold.

Without hesitation Mrs. de Tovrea answered, "Absolutely."

Mr. Hall, who was at one time district attorney in Weaverville and who was in Redding during the time just after the marriage of Miss Mae Metz and de Tovrea, also positively identified Horn as the man. After the attorney and Mrs. de Tovrea had left the room Horn turned to his jailer and asked:

"Is that the woman who claims to be my wife?"

He then asserted that he never saw

Mrs. de Tovrea before in his life and called attention to the fact that Mrs. de Tovrea had blonde hair, saying that "anyway he wouldn't marry a blonde because he preferred brunettes." Horn has retained Attorney C. A. Clark as his counsel.

The charge of bigamy against Horn is based on the allegation that Horn, or De Tovrea, married Jennie Sidwell in Everett, Wash., in the spring of the year 1910, deserting her shortly afterward, and that in September of the same year he married Miss Metz while his former wife was still alive. The reputed first wife died some time last year.

The filing of the divorce suit against the Richmond pastor, which took place on Saturday, January 14, caused a sen-

sation in Richmond after he had denied that he was De Tovrea and among the members of the congregation of the First Baptist church. Horn had been exemplary in his conduct and was entirely unsuspected. Following the divorce suit disclosures it was charged that Horn had led a wild and gay life, and that he had frequently been forced to leave different places owing to his actions with young girls, and had used

at different times several aliases, among them those of Owen F. Lavreau and Martin McIntyre. He was arrested in Oregon on a charge of assault and disappeared after giving \$700 bail, and was also arrested in the same state some time later, charged with having contributed to the delinquency of two young girls, but escaped on a technicality, according to Attorney Hall.

- \$1.00 and \$1.25 Australian wool underwear ..... 85c
- \$1.00 and \$1.25 Camel's hair underwear ..... 85c
- \$1.50 Griffon and Gotham shirts ..... \$1.15
- \$1.00 Derby ribbed cotton underwear ..... 75c

- \$2.00 and \$2.50 fancy vests ..... \$1.15
- Boys' sweater coats ..... 85c
- Boys' flannelette night-shirts ..... 45c



# Our Rebuilding Sale

Offers many inducements in every department. The store presents quite a torn up appearance and there is a lot of hammering, pounding and sawing going on, but in every department there are bargains of a most pronounced character the savings on which are big enough to make you forget the noise and confusion attendant on this rebuilding. Special items for tomorrow are as follows:

## Big Savings on Men's Hats

Friday and Saturday all through our Men's Hat Department big savings are to be made; every hat in stock excepting those brands on which the prices are fixed by the manufacturers have been reduced. Assortments are immense and you'll have no trouble whatever in securing just the style hat you want, just the size you require and just the color you fancy. Soft and stiff hats are included.

- All \$4.00 hats on sale now at ..... \$3.50
- \$3.00 and \$3.50 hats now at ..... \$2.50
- \$2.50 hats on sale now at ..... \$1.95
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- \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 velour hats on sale at \$4.45
- \$1.50 and \$2.00 cloth caps now ..... \$1.00
- \$1.00 cloth caps on sale now at ..... 65c

# Friday and Saturday Will Be Big Clothing Days At the Rebuilding Sale



We are badly congested in this department and have had to cramp temporarily into smaller quarters our immense clothing stocks. But no matter we have packed these offerings for Friday and Saturday so full of real value that you simply can not get away from them. Hundreds of men are going to get fitted out in a suit or overcoat, or both, today or tomorrow and they are going to save considerable money in the process.

## Big Values in Both Suits and Overcoats Are on Sale Friday and Saturday at

- \$8.95, \$11.85, \$14.50 and \$18.25

These four prices represent the best clothing buys in San Francisco today. The high class of the garments offered, their unquestioned style and their well known wearing qualities, all combine in this sale with very low prices. At every price in both suits and overcoats there are ample assortments of the best and newest styles for men on the market today. Every garment in our stock is strictly all wool; every garment sewed with silk; back of every one is a guarantee of satisfactory service, which means a lot to the customer. This department is crowded during this Rebuilding Sale, and scores of men every day are making profitable investments in these splendid garments at their reduced prices.

- Men's \$12.50 and \$15.00 suits and overcoats ..... \$8.95
- Men's \$18.50 and \$20.00 suits and overcoats ..... \$11.85
- Men's \$20.00 and \$22.50 suits and overcoats ..... \$14.50
- Men's \$25.00 and \$30.00 suits and overcoats ..... \$18.25

# Extra Inducements on Certain Lines of Clothing for Friday and Saturday

25% off the regular price during these two days on the following lines:

- Men's English walking suits, broken lines, high class garments.
- Men's English Gabardine raincoats, regular prices, \$18.50 to \$30.
- Men's double breasted suits in fancy chevots and worsteds.
- Men's full dress, Tuxedo and Prince Albert suits.
- Broken lines of overcoats, cut specially for stout men.

All the above marked in plain figures; make your own deductions of 25% from the regular price when your check is made out.

## Youths' Suits \$8.65 and \$11.85

College cut suits in sizes from 15 to 21 years, excellent two and three button models with form fitting and box backs, with full peg and semi-peg trousers, either with or without cuffs. These beautiful new suits are shown in browns, tans and grays. They are splendidly lined, superbly tailored and are worth a considerably higher price than we are asking today and tomorrow. See these two specials at \$8.65 and \$11.85.

## Youths' Overcoats \$8.95 and \$11.85

Two special lots of extra good coats for young men, 16 to 21 year sizes. These coats are in the newest and most desirable styles, made from fancy chevots in nice patterns and colors. They are full cut, roomy garments, with free hanging backs, either belted or plain, and have just the right degree of style and comfort to appeal to young men. \$8.95 takes a coat worth \$12.50 or \$15.00; \$11.85 takes a coat worth up to \$15.00.

## Boys' Suits for School \$3.95

Splendid suits in Norfolk styles, sizes up to 12 years, and in double breasted models, sizes up to 15 years. These suits are well made, well styled garments, built from good wearing cloth in nice patterns and colors, lots of browns, grays, tans, in herringbone and diagonal weaves, also in heavy mixtures. These suits are on sale Friday and Saturday at \$3.95. They are worth the attention of any parent.

# Everything in Every Department Reduced from 10% to 50%

Not some articles in some departments, but everything that we have for sale in the store, with the exception of a very few articles upon which the manufacturers do not allow us to reduce prices.

## 10% Discount taken from sales check at time of purchase on any article that is not subject to a larger discount

- \$5.00 V neck sweater coats ..... \$3.35
- 50c Muslin nightshirts ..... 40c
- 50c Boston and Paris garters ..... 35c
- 25c Fancy lisle and silk hose ..... 15c
- 25c Silk and knitted ties ..... 15c
- 75c Golf shirts ..... 40c
- 50c I. X. L. athletic underwear ..... 35c
- 85c Flannelette nightshirts ..... 65c
- 50c Fleece underwear, broken sizes ..... 40c

## Ask for Your 10% Discount During This Sale—You Are Entitled to It

This allowance of 10 per cent discount on everything is for a short time only. Wisely take advantage of this most unusual opportunity while it lasts.

**Samuels**  
THE LACE HOUSE  
Stockton and O'Farrell Sts.

Tuxedo coats and vests, small sizes only, regular values up to \$15, closing these out Friday and Saturday at \$5.50.

50c V neck sweater coats ..... \$3.35  
50c Muslin nightshirts ..... 40c  
50c Boston and Paris garters ..... 35c  
25c Fancy lisle and silk hose ..... 15c  
25c Silk and knitted ties ..... 15c  
75c Golf shirts ..... 40c  
50c I. X. L. athletic underwear ..... 35c  
85c Flannelette nightshirts ..... 65c  
50c Fleece underwear, broken sizes ..... 40c

# Men's Suits Made to Order For \$15

\$15 buys one of our special made to order suits if the order is placed within the next few days. These suits will be made from high class woolsens, mostly in chevots in good patterns and choice colorings. We will make them in any style you may select, we will put into them splendid linings and the very best workmanship and we will give them a style and a fit that the highest priced tailors in San Francisco can not improve. These suits are guaranteed just the same as if you paid the full regular price for them. Let's have your order tomorrow at this special rebuilding price.