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MR. LANE'S POLICY

Secretary of the Interior Lane says a desire to aid the man who wants a home is the essence of the Wilson administration's conservation policy.

Mr. Lane says that conservation as construed by the administration means an honest effort to make the acquisition of public lands easy for the bona fide home builder and difficult for the land speculator.

Mr. Lane could contrive no more satisfactory expression of the average man's notion of practical conservation. None who knows Mr. Lane will doubt that he expressed his own desires and his own intentions.

Mr. Fisher, his predecessor, said substantially the same thing, repeating it many times to the people of Oregon, Washington and Idaho some two years ago.

His policies were heartily indorsed by President Taft, by Senator Borah, the champion of the irrigation project settlers, and by the people generally. Mr. Fisher meant what he said.

The unfortunate Mr. Ballinger, as secretary of the interior, gave expression to some such idea before he became absorbed in living up to the role of governmental horrible example in chief.

And, before Mr. Ballinger, there was sturdy Ethan Hitchcock, honest and brave. He had some notions about the obligations of the government to the bona fide home builder. Mr. Hitchcock was opposed to the land speculator, the Indian timber speculator and the townsite thief.

He did what he could alone. That was little enough. He had no such intimate knowledge of the public domain as has Secretary Lane. He had no such appreciation of the west and its problems as has Mr. Lane. He had indifferent or unfriendly congresses to fight.

Mr. Lane may have a larger hold upon a more sympathetic congress than was enjoyed by Secretaries Fisher and Hitchcock. If he has he will be able to give effect to his admirable statement of policy.

He can best test his strength and the temper of congress by attacking the problem of the federal irrigation district settlers in the great semi-arid regions of the west.

If Mr. Lane can induce congress to give those settlers an opportunity to capitalize their industry, to enable them to borrow money on the concrete evidences of their labors, he will give a tremendous impetus to the development of the west and convince the public that he has a right to believe that his promises shall be speedily made living governmental policies.

HETCH HETCHY IS INDORSED

Henceforth the opposition to San Francisco's efforts to secure water freedom through the development of the Hetch Hetchy must fight in the open.

The enemies of an adequate municipal pure water system for San Francisco may still extract some comfort from the misinformation support of the eastern nature faddists. They can no longer hide behind the alleged necessities of the California irrigators.

From Ceres comes the report of a meeting held on Saturday night. At that meeting the proponents of the San Francisco Hetch Hetchy project agreement and the ranchers who had opposed that agreement united in an indorsement of the Raker bill.

Unquestionably the opposition of the ranchers was founded on a misunderstanding of the agreement reached by their representatives and San Francisco's agents in Washington. To what degree that misunderstanding was inspired is no longer a matter of moment.

The agreement, honestly opposed by a few, means more in immediate advantages to the irrigators than their unaided efforts could produce for them in a half century.

By the terms of that agreement, the essence of which is incorporated in the Raker bill, the ranchers are assured of water service they could not develop for themselves. The burden of furnishing that service is laid upon San Francisco as a condition precedent to its enjoyment of the Hetch Hetchy supply.

San Francisco has never asked for a permit to despoil her neighbors. She has asked only for an opportunity to insure her own future, inseparably bound up with the future of her neighbors.

The metropolis of the Pacific coast is the only big city in America at the mercy of a private water corporation. Cities might exist without adequate or any urban transportation facilities. They might exist after a fashion without street lights, without banks. They can not exist without water.

As long as the water supply of a city is in the hands of a private corporation the very life of the community is in the hands of that corporation.

The corporation in control of San Francisco's water supply has refused to develop its sources and its system in accordance with the growth of the city.

It is only fair, in view of the events of half a dozen years, to admit that

the attitude of the company is not without justification.

Negotiations looking to the acquisition of the Spring Valley properties by the city have been defeated repeatedly by politicians more interested in their personal advancement than the good of the community.

They have developed a situation which seems to preclude the consummation of a Spring Valley purchase until after the city shall have a clear and unmistakable title to the waters of the Hetch Hetchy.

The enactment of the Raker bill will give us that title. The indorsement of the bill by the Modesto irrigationists removes the last bona fide objection and should serve to solve San Francisco's water problem before it is too late.

THE VOGELSBANG COMPROMISE

The King of the Billboard Trust owes a rich debt of gratitude to Supervisor Vogelsang, who has engineered what the billboard men wanted through the board of supervisors with an adroitness almost, but not quite, equal to that of the Billboard King himself.

The opposition to the majority report of the public welfare committee which was made at the previous meeting of the board of supervisors was headed and led by Supervisor Vogelsang, who cleverly proposed that in fairness to all concerned the subject should be postponed for a week to give opportunity for studying the real merits of the matter.

The real merits, of course, were the falsehoods which have appeared on the billboards all over the city during the last week addressed to "Mr. Union Man," who, as is often the case, has been misled by the trust into doing the trust's dirty work.

Having succeeded in postponing action on the committee's report for a week, Supervisor Vogelsang at the last meeting of the supervisors succeeded again—of course not intentionally—in doing the very work that the King of the Billboard Trust most wished, which is that the ordinance now existing be not enforced.

Moral cowardice has been noticeable in many of the acts of the board of supervisors, but in none more than in its attitude toward the enforcement of its own ordinances.

Here at least is one glaringly obvious example of failure in a public duty. The board should now finish its work, make a public apology to the King of the Billboard Trust and repeal its ordinance, having confessed failure and inability in its support.

So far as its streets are concerned Supervisor Vogelsang and his supporters may console themselves for their act by the knowledge that they have put San Francisco in this respect ten years behind the progressive cities of the country.

SOME NERVE REQUIRED

A convict, out on parole after having served four years of a ten year sentence, gave the police and the detectives at the central station the surprise of their lives by walking into headquarters and asking to be shown up to the central station force.

If there is any place which an ex-convict or a paroled convict usually wishes to avoid it is a police station, by reason of its associations and suggestiveness. The man who would deliberately walk into a station and then ask to be exhibited to the force for what he is, a convict, has moral fiber of a vigorous kind and nerve of the steadiest quality.

In this instance the convict not only asked to be shown up, but he asked the policemen to mark him well, to be sure of his identity and to speak to him and shake hands with him when they meet him on the street. This proposal evidently surprised the policemen so much that they did not wait to meet the man on the street, but many of them shook hands with him in the station.

As an exhibition of moral courage the action of this convict has few equals. Too often the "con" who tries to get honest work after he comes out of the penitentiary is bawled out by the first policeman he meets who knows him, and the poor fellow too often has to leave and try for employment elsewhere. In other words, the policeman uses a hurting instead of a helping hand in the struggle of the convict to make himself a good citizen again.

The man who took this course here is a second timer, but is now trying to make good. He couldn't have done a better thing than he did in "showing" himself to the policemen, many of whom will now doubtless be his friends rather than his foes. Such good intent and determination as he has shown, if persisted in, as his act shows can be done, should lead to a life of respectability and success.

CIVIL SERVICE WRANGLE AGAIN GOES TO COURTS

Board Decides to Appeal From Decision of Judge Murasky in Allen Matlock Case

The controversy between the civil service and the fire commissions whether one or three names should be certified by the former of those eligible to promotion in the fire department will be again thrown into the courts, Allen Matlock, one of highest three eligibles for promotion to a captaincy, brought suit recently to compel the civil service board to certify three names, so as to include his own. Judge Murasky decided in his favor, but the civil service board determined yesterday to appeal from the judgment. Commissioner Brady has been delegated to arrange for the suit.

Positions are now vacant for two captains, one battalion chief and two lieutenants.

CITY FATHER CANDIDATES

Thor O. Hydenfeldt Among Those Who Have Filed Declarations.

Thor O. Hydenfeldt, the "hokey pokey man," son of the late Judge Hydenfeldt, is a candidate for supervisor. Others who have filed their declarations of candidacy for the office of supervisors are Edward L. Nolan, incumbent; William H. Dorman, Joseph Gallagher, Andrew N. Dethiefson and Michael J. Sullivan.



FERRY TALES

By LINDSAY CAMPBELL

Cyril Tobin, it appears, enjoys the reputation, in that social circle in which he shines, of being a terrible cutup. I learned all about it the other morning while watching the gambling of a brand of new submarine from a sheltered seat on the upper deck of the ferry steamer Sausalito.

Major and Mrs. Edward Herrold of Los Angeles, a banker and prominent man of Honolulu, is at the Bellevue.

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HOTEL NEWS

W. P. Thomas, a rancher of Ukiah, is staying at the Argonaut.

D. S. Miles, a merchant of Pacific Grove, is at the Argonaut.

A. B. Samuels, a cotton grower of Dallas, is at the Union Square.

Edward Alexander, an oil operator of Bakersfield, is registered at the Stewart.

E. F. Bligh, a banker and prominent man of Honolulu, is at the Bellevue.

J. D. Stevens, a banker of Woodlands, is registered at the Union Square.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howell and James Howell of Merced are stopping at the Stewart.

F. E. Mariner, an extensive lumber dealer of Spokane, Wash., is at the Bellevue.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Mrs. James K. Moffitt Sr., accompanied by her son and daughter in law, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Moffitt, arrived in New York yesterday after a three months' sojourn in Europe.

Dr. and Mrs. Moffitt will come west immediately, while Mrs. James Moffitt will remain in the eastern metropolis to visit her two daughters, Mrs. John Hampton Lynch and Mrs. George Dunblady. Mrs. Moffitt will return to San Francisco in the early winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frits von Schrader will entertain at a dance Friday night at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Edward Everett, in Pacific avenue.

Miss Jessie Sherwood departed yesterday for Sausalito, where she will be the guest of her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Stansted Sherwood.

On the way Miss Sherwood will enjoy a brief visit at the Hotel del Monte. Miss Isabel Sherwood has returned to her home in Filbert street after a fortnight's sojourn as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Mary A. Miss Avis Sherwood, at The Ripples.

Mrs. William Lyndham Shiels has returned to Los Angeles after a four months' visit to San Francisco and Fortuna Teller camp, on the McCloud river, where she was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Thomas H. Williams.

Mrs. Frederick Morong of Honolulu, accompanied by her two children, has arrived on a two months' visit to California. Mr. Morong, who was the victim of a recent automobile accident in Napo county, Mr. Rucker's leg was badly wrenched and he was confined in a hospital until yesterday. It will be several weeks before he will be able to walk without the aid of a cane. Hamilton escaped with minor injuries.

Mrs. Curtie Hayden is dangerously ill with appendicitis at the Hahnemann hospital and little hope is entertained for her recovery. The operation was performed Saturday, August 17. Mrs. Hayden was formerly Miss Mary Selby, a bride of July.

Mrs. Ruth Zelle is spending several days in Santa Barbara as the guest of Miss Beatrice Miller.

Lieutenant H. Kent Hewitt, U. S. N., fiancé of Miss Florie Hunt, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. H. Hewitt, arrived in San Francisco yesterday, the latter to visit Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker, while the former will be the guest of Mrs. Sidney Van Wyck.

Miss Ysabel Chase is visiting Miss Martha Foster in San Rafael. Toward the close of the week Miss Foster and Miss Chase will depart for San Luis Obispo, to be guests of Miss Janet and Miss Edith von Schroeder.

Forbes Wilson is entertaining Henry Covington Janin, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Wilson, in Belvedere. Mr. Janin arrived a few days ago from Durham, where he has been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. George Harry Mendell Jr. and his sister, Miss Louise Janin.

Miss Josephine Ross will return to San Francisco today after a brief visit in Menlo Park, as the guest of Miss Barbara Donohoe.

Water Law Expert Succeeds Graupner as Assistant City Attorney

Russell T. Ainsworth has been appointed an assistant city attorney by City Attorney Long to fill the vacancy created by the recent appointment of Attorney A. E. Graupner to a superior court judgeship by Governor Johnston.

Attorney Ainsworth has been associated with Judge Curtis H. Leland, and is well versed in "water" law, having handled many Hetch Hetchy matters and performed services for the city attorney's office in connection with the Sierra grant. He is a graduate of the Hastings law college.

Flat Tax Rate Planned

Fare of 75 Cents From Stations to Hotels is Agreed Upon at Parley

A flat tax rate of 75 cents for one or two persons from the ferry and Third and Townsend streets stations to hotels in the downtown district and \$1 from the mail docks probably will be recommended to the board of supervisors Monday as the result of a conference yesterday between the police committee and representatives of the taxi companies.

AUTOMOBILES TO CARRY BOND NOTES

Call Sent Out to Those Favoring Municipal Railway System to Help

Eight Bond Meetings To Night—Rolph Makes a Whirlwind Campaign

Several hundred automobiles belonging to those favoring the proposed bond issue of \$2,500,000 for the extension of the municipal railway will be pressed into service on election day, August 26, should the power for the United Railroads' cars or other accident to the regular service. Voters are asked by the committee of 100 to vote early.

A debate on the bonds will be held at noon Saturday at the Commonwealth club luncheon at the Palace hotel. Adolph Uhl will present the affirmative side and M. Armstrong the negative. Eight bond meetings will be held tonight. At the San Francisco Women's center, 17 Milton street, Mrs. Hannah Nolan and Mrs. Ida Finney Mackrille will be the speakers. At 2 o'clock this afternoon Mayor Rolph, Francis J. Heney and Mrs. Lillian Harris Coffin will address an audience of women from the Richmond District at the Lincoln theater, Sixth avenue and Clement street.

At Wilcox hall, Twenty-fourth and Castro streets, the speakers this evening will be Mayor Rolph, T. A. Reardon, F. J. Heney, Edward L. Nolan and Ralph McLellan.

Attorneys J. B. Zimdars and I. Seldeberg will address the members of the College Hill Improvement club tonight. The Mission Heights Improvement club will hold another bond rally tonight at 2336 Twentieth street, at which T. W. Ransom, George Gallagher and J. J. Phillips will be the speakers. J. Heney and J. Britton will be the speakers at the Yerba Buena school, Fillmore and Greenwich, this evening. At the Princess Athletic club, Twenty-third and Indiana streets, the speakers will be Andrew Gallagher, Dr. S. Maguire, Louis H. Mooser and Sidney Van Wyck.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the South Excelsior Street Improvement association will hold a meeting. The North Beach Promotion association will hold a public mass meeting tonight in the large auditorium of the San Parker school, Broadway between Powell and Mason streets.

Mayor Rolph will make his first visit during the campaign at this meeting, at San Bruno, editor of the Voice del Poppolo, and Editors Patriot of Italia will deliver speeches in Italian. The woman's side of the issue will be presented by Mrs. Gerberding and Mrs. J. Phillips.

Dr. A. S. Musante will preside. Supervisors D. C. Murphy and Dr. G. E. Caglieri will meet the arguments of the opposition.

The directors of the San Francisco Real Estate board requested that their membership express their views on the bond issue by postal vote. Out of a membership of 264, 201 voted against the bonds, while 43 voted in favor of them.

AMUSEMENTS

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CULTURE SCHEME PROPOSED

Educational Directors Have Sharp Dialogue Over Features for 1915

Director Jones Objects to Instruction in Parades and Folk Dances

Director Power's resolution that the board of education select five teachers of physical culture, prepare the school children for possible parades, folk dancing and the like during the exposition of 1915, was yesterday referred to the committee on athletics and schools after a sharp discussion between the author and Director Jones.

Director Jones remarked that if the board adopts all suggestions offered as to what should be done with public school children during the fair, it would have to declare a recess for many months.

"Let me explain what is to be done in Oakland on Admission Day," said Director Power.

"I don't want what they are doing in Oakland," retorted Director Jones. "But I want," continued Director Power, "to give you some light to see by."

"I don't want any such light, because it would be very dubious," retorted Director Jones.

A tap of the president's gavel ended the dialogue.

RECEPTION TO PRINCIPAL

The students in the Polytechnic school were granted permission to tender a formal reception to James Edwin Addicott, the recently elected principal.

The dedication of the Patrick Henry school in the Potrero, which had been set for Sunday, August 24, was postponed until September at a date to be fixed.

The Market Street Homestead association and Corbett Avenue Improvement club called attention to the need of a primary school in the vicinity of the "switchback," near the Corbett road. This has already been presented to the supervisors as one of the necessities.

Bertha E. Cooper, in a letter, urged that an investigation be made into the cause of the congestion in the Laguna Honda school before the board takes any steps toward building an annex.

CHANGES IN TEACHERS

Anna Lyle Foster was appointed a teacher of drawing and was assigned to the Crocker school vice Harriet B. Stark, resigned.

Mary L. Marshall, teacher in the Horace Mann evening list, was transferred from evening to day service.

Dorothy S. Schaefer, teacher in Horace Mann school, resigned.

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