

MAYOR HAS A TILT WITH COUNCIL WATER USERS

DOESN'T CARE WHAT THEY THINK

Says He Will Do His Duty
Regardless of What Peo-
ple Say of Him Personally

SAYS THEY ASKED FOR A RECEIVER

Now That They Have One,
All People Must Be Treat-
ed Alike, He Declares.

This morning's meeting of the city council turned into a water discussion in which the mayor and representatives of the citizens' committee took part, and it was rather a lively affair.

The mayor said that the recent water users' "mass meeting" had been called for the purpose of heaping abuse upon him and the city council because of the action they had taken in regard to the 90-cent minimum rate which receiver Wyatt has been allowed to charge upon an order from federal judge Maxey.

Evidently mayor Sweeney resented the questions put to him by the members of the committee, for his manner was not mild and his speaking was most forceful when he replied to the questions put by the various members of the committee.

He said that the matter was in the federal courts and denied most emphatically that the city attorney and himself had recommended the charge of the 90-cent minimum rate, declaring that they had simply acquiesced in the order which is to be in force until the next term of the federal court in this city in April.

Several times he told the committee that he did not care what they or anyone else thought of him personally, and he intended to go ahead and do his duty as he saw it regardless of abuse from malcontents and "characterless reptiles."

James G. McNary, treasurer of the El Paso Grand street paving fund, stated to the council that 5,000 feet of paving and parking had been signed for, and he felt sure that within ten days or two weeks nearly all of the balance could be secured.

Mayor Sweeney said the contract had been let and assured him an adjustment would be effected this afternoon.

The first report of the city health officer since the new ordinance relative to birth reports went into effect was read and showed four Mexican and two American births recorded.

An ordinance regulating the paving of North Campbell street from Main to Hill streets with petroleum oil macadam was passed, as was also an ordinance regulating the sale of milk from tubercular cattle, making this an offense punishable by a fine of from \$5 to \$100.

The Water Rates.
Phil Bargman, chairman of the citizens' committee, protesting against the minimum water rates of the receiver, started the water discussion when he presented a communication to the mayor and city council asking why the city officials had acquiesced in the petition of the water company and the receiver, for permission to charge the

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PRODUCTION SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IS FAVORED

Educators of the City Unanimous in Declaring There Is Opening For It.

MISS STAFFORD ENDORSES WORK

The need of a first class boarding school for girls in El Paso is strongly felt among the educators of the city. They do not believe that it would interfere with the present public school system, but, on the other hand, would strengthen the educational facilities of the city and result in great good in many ways.

Superintendent F. M. Martin, principal N. R. Crozier, of the high school, and many of the principals of the El Paso ward schools are enthusiastic in their endorsement of the proposed school; also Miss Stafford, secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

Having been requested to state his opinion of the move now on foot to establish in El Paso a girls' boarding school, Prof. F. M. Martin, superintendent of the El Paso schools, said: "I believe that the establishment of a high grade school of this character would be of great benefit to the city in many ways. It would be valuable: first, from an educational standpoint, because it would increase the interest of our people in this most important matter, and would doubtless do much toward the cultural development of our citizenship; second, from a commercial standpoint, because it would bring into the city funds from the adjacent districts; third, as an advertisement of the city; fourth, as a positive benefit to many girls in the city, and many girls in the territory from which it would derive its patronage.

"There should be no antagonism whatever between the public school system and any private institutions of this kind, because it has been my experience that every good school in a community is an aid to the cause of education. There are girls in the public schools who would perhaps do better work in a private school, and the school would be advantageous to the public school system by sharing the burden with us, which is at present almost too great to be borne entirely by the public school system. As a rule, that city which has the best private schools has also the best public schools. I welcome the establishment of any school which has for its aim the cultivation of high ideals in the hearts of our young people.

"I believe that El Paso is sorely in need of private schools to increase the interest of our people in the matter of education, and to provide for those pupils who would find the atmosphere of these schools more congenial."

Miss Fitzpatrick endorses school. "I heartily endorse the establishment in El Paso of a boarding school for girls," said Miss Alice Fitzpatrick, principal of Lamar school. "There seems no logical reason why such a school should not succeed here, as this city is the center of a large section of country, whose people have been compelled to send their daughters to eastern private schools to complete their education, because of El Paso's lack in supplying this educational need. A well equipped private school would attract many girls who for one reason or another do not enter the public schools, or who do not remain to complete the work there.

"A school for girls only, possesses advantages over the coeducational institutions. In such a school, there is greater opportunity to pursue the cultural studies without which the girl's education is not complete, and the close association, particularly the boarding school, with women whose sole study is womanhood should give us cultured girls having high conception of woman's life and work."

In hearty sympathy with the movement to establish a girls' school in El Paso, Mrs. C. B. Bailey, principal of the Mesa school, said: "I am glad to express my approval of such a movement for providing the girls of the southwest with an educational institution as is proposed for El Paso. The territory from which El Paso draws its patronage demands such an institution, and I am glad that the need for such a school is to be supplied."

Miss Prater favors school. "Does El Paso need a girls' school? My answer is emphatically yes. El Paso like all towns and communities needs all the educational stimulus she can get," said Miss Myra Prater, principal of Beall school. "A girls' school can be no drawback to our highly developed system of public schools, but will lend a hand to the great cause of education.

"There are plenty of boys and girls here to fill the public schools to overflowing and at the same time support good private schools for both boys and girls.

"I believe most heartily in public school education for the pupils who are adapted to it, but there are children who cannot stand the public school school life and course of study; these children need the private school.

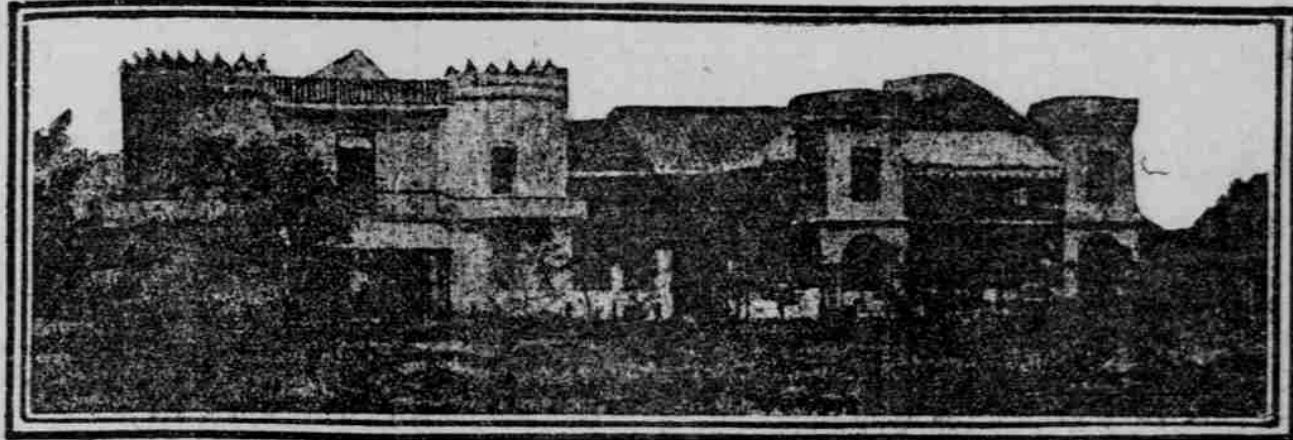
"There is another class who need and want lines of work which the public school was never intended to give, viz: more art, more expression, etc. The girls' school will fill this want, and save the parents the expense of sending their girls so far from home.

"I hope to see the girls' school

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NICARAGUAN PREYS ON AMERICANS

NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT IS FOLLOWING ZELAYA'S TACTICS



PRESIDENT ZELAYA'S PALACE.

TAFT TO LINE UP NEW YORK PARTY

Will Try to Get a Candidate For Governor Who Will Suit Himself and Hughes.

TO SPEAK ON PARTY PLEDGES

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—President Taft's visit to New York Saturday, it is said, will be made the occasion of an important political conference regarding New York state conditions. Efforts will be made to have governor Hughes attend the conference.

The Republicans are anxious to get a candidate for the governorship who will have the support both of president Taft and governor Hughes. In view of many rumors in the New York financial district and all over the country for that matter, regarding the attitude of the administration, President Taft's speech before the Republican club Saturday night at the Lincoln day dinner will be followed with unusual interest.

Those close to the president have no hesitancy in saying that the president will contend that the republican platform pledges must be carried out in fact as well as in spirit and he will do all in his power to see that they are carried out.

Representative Smith has appointed William Butts, of Cicgo, to West Point. Delegate Andrews' bill to pension Ignacio Salazar, of the First New Mexican Infantry, \$30 a month, has been introduced.

The appointment to the medical reserve corps of the army as first lieutenant of Robert Clarence McDonald, of Texas, is announced.

LYON DOESN'T CARE WHO IS JUDGE

Only He Insists That the Man Must Be a Republican, So There.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 10.—Cecil A. Lyon, of Sherman, arrived here today en route to San Antonio.

He declared he would recommend none but a Republican to fill the vacancy caused by the death of federal judge D. E. Bryant and added: "Those who scrambled for the appointment before the flowers on a grave have faded will never receive consideration. I don't care who the president appoints, just so the appointee is a Republican."

Conger's Name Urged. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Texas representatives Burgess, Shepperd, Garner, Moore, Slayden, Henry and Beall called on president Taft today to urge him to appoint S. B. Conger, of Beaumont, to succeed the late federal judge D. E. Bryant. The president said he would be pleased to consider the recommendation. Judge Means was also recommended. The president gave no intimation of how soon he will act.

SUGAR OFFICIAL GETS TWO YEARS IN PRISON. New York, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Oliver Spitzer, a former dock superintendent of the American Sugar Refining company's plant at Williamsburg, was today sentenced to two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta for his part in the recent sugar frauds.

DECREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF COPPER. New York, N. Y., Feb. 10.—A decrease of 43,302,772 pounds in the copper stock on hand Feb. 1, as compared with Jan. 1, is shown by the monthly report of the Copper Products association, made public here today.

COUNCILMAN CONVICTED OF VIOLATING LIQUOR LAW. Shreveport, La., Feb. 10.—H. B. Scofield, city councilman, supported by the anti-prohibition faction, was convicted on three counts today on the charge of violating the prohibition law. He was convicted on his own testimony obtained by detectives representing the law enforcement league of Mississippi.

TAKES MEN FROM COFFEE FIELDS

The Coffee Crop Is Liable to Be a Complete Failure; No Men to Work It.

AMERICANS MAKE FORMAL COMPLAINT

They Are the Worst Sufferers—Their Laborers Drafted for Soldiers.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 10.—Managua province is overrun by revolutionists moving toward Matagalpa.

This section is occupied largely by American owned coffee plantations, which have been nearly ruined by depredations of government recruiting parties.

The danger to American interests is double now that Gen. Chamorro's forces are also in the district.

Many American plantations have been raided and left bare of laborers, who have been drafted into the government army, and as a result the coffee crop is in danger of total loss.

Americans are daily subjected to persecution and fear for safety has been expressed by consular officers to Gen. Madrid, the president of the republic.

KILLS HIS BEST FRIEND IN DARK

Insane Man Wanders Into Home of a Neighbor at Night; Stabbed.

Groveton, Tex., Feb. 10.—Fighting in a dark kitchen with a man whom he believed to be a burglar, S. T. Lockhard, early this morning, stabbed Carlton Swinney to death with a butcher knife.

Upon procuring a light, Lockhard found to his horror that he had slain one of his best friends.

Swinney is prominent and during a fit of temporary insanity broke from his attendants, and entered Lockhard's home. The latter, awakened by the cries of his wife, found the intruder leaning over her bed. Lockhard grappled with the man and they fought to the kitchen where Lockhard found a knife on the table, which he plunged twice into his antagonist's neck.

SPANIARDS GET NO RELIEF YET

King Alfonso Puts in Office a Premier More Radical Than Ever.

Madrid, Spain, Feb. 10.—The assumption of the premiership by Jose Canalejas y Mendez, a radical and anti-clerical, has caused great surprise among the reactionaries who had assumed when Moret fell that King Alfonso would institute a more moderate rather than a more radical regime.

The impression prevailed that the king has outwitted the intrigues by boldly confiding the government to Canalejas for the purpose of giving the country clear proofs of his sincerity in the role of a constitutional sovereign. The revision of the records of 1851 and a reduction in the number of religious orders will be a feature. It is expected, of the new cabinet policy.

UNION LEADERS FINED AS CONVICTED GRAFTERS

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10.—Martin B. Madden, former president of the Building Trades Council; M. J. Boyle, an official of the Electrical Workers' union, and Fred Pouchot, former business agent of the Metal Workers' union, were sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 each today, following their conviction last May on charges of "grafting."

SNOW FALLS IN CENTRAL TEXAS

Temperature Drops Rapidly and Cold Winds Are Blowing.

Waco, Tex., Feb. 10.—Reports received here today by the Texas Central railroad say that snow is falling all along the line from Stamford to within 20 miles of Waco. A heavy fall is reported at Walnut Springs.

Snow at Strawn. Strawn, Tex., Feb. 10.—Snow began falling here at 3 o'clock this morning and the temperature is rapidly falling. The cattle ranges are in good shape and the farmers will be benefited.

Cold at Waxahatchie. Waxahatchie, Tex., Feb. 10.—Snow commenced falling here this morning. A cold east wind is blowing.

Snow at Fort Worth. Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 10.—Flurries of snow fell here today and the temperature dropped 15 degrees over night. Snow is reported west on the Texas & Pacific as far as Cisco.

TO BUY EMBASSIES IN FOREIGN LANDS

United States Takes Steps to Take Care of Its Diplomats.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—The house committee on foreign affairs today decided to report favorably the Lodge bill providing for an expenditure annually not to exceed half a million for the erection of American embassies abroad.

OWNER OF FIRST WELL AT MINERAL WELLS DIES. Wichita Falls, Tex., Feb. 10.—Judge Robert E. Henry died here last night at the age of 63 years. He founded the city of Mineral Wells, opening the first well there.

BOILER EXPLODES AND SIX MEN ARE KILLED

Bay City, Mich., Feb. 10.—Six men were killed today by the explosion of a boiler at a sawmill at Crump.

The explosion occurred while a score of men were warming themselves in the boiler room of Prince's mill, waiting for the whistle to start the day's work. Every man in the room was either killed or injured.

The mill was completely wrecked.

COAL LAND FRAUDS CHARGED IN WYOMING

Lander, Wyo., Feb. 10.—Sixty-four defendants in alleged coal land frauds against the government appeared today before the United States land office here, in cases which have been brought by the government for the cancellation of their titles to coal lands which are said to be the most valuable in the state.

The cases involve 9500 acres of land lying in the mineral district north of Lander and have been appraised by government experts at a value of nearly \$1,500,000.

Dummy Entries Made. The government alleges that these lands were filed upon by "dummy" entrymen for the benefit of the Owl Creek Coal company and the North-western Coal company which are controlled largely by New York capitalists. The two companies are reported to be associated with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. The cases are commonly known as the "Geba coal land fraud cases," as Samuel W. Geba, George W. Dally, Rufus P. Ireland and others were alleged to be instrumental in securing the titles.

Three Years' Investigation. The cases have been under investigation by federal land agents three years and various actions have been brought in court. An injunction suit was brought in the United States court at Cheyenne recently by the government asking that the Owl Creek Coal company be restrained from operating coal mines at Geba, Big Horn county, which are said to be producing 700 tons of coal daily. A temporary restraining order was granted by the court and more than a thousand miners were thrown out of work.

The Examiners. John A. Williams, law examiner of the land office, and Capt. George H. Hair, chief of the field division of the land office at Salt Lake, Utah, will hear the cases. About 40 witnesses will be summoned, a large part of them from New York City.

HOW'S THIS FOR THE CHIEF "GOURMACHER?"

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Take one 10 pound hotted ham, two gallons of water, one kg. of kale weighing 40 pounds when dry, and two gallons of beer; pour slowly into the maw of a healthy human being in two hours and 40 minutes, let the mixture settle until assured of success, and the result will be gastronomic freak or "gourmacher," (old fashioned slang for gizzard).

Boots Reppetti, a man trained in mastication and digestion at the Washington navy yard, made himself a receptacle for the stirring of those ingredients last night and he did not even grunt.

Reppetti devoured the record breaking meal in the presence of nearly a hundred witnesses, taking less than three hours to demonstrate his claim to be the champion long distance eater.

He still lives.

All Pull Together

El Paso and Rio Grande Valley Real Estate

With the active co-operation of the real estate dealers of El Paso, The El Paso Herald will conduct a 12-month campaign for the real estate interests of El Paso and the Rio Grande Valley.

There will be a page advertisement setting forth the advantages of this great field published every Saturday, and special attention will be given every day in the week to live, authentic, real estate news.

The object of this campaign will be to "show up" El Paso and this valley in true colors.

Each and every real estate dealer in El Paso is urged to join actively in this movement and to inform The Herald promptly regarding any developments of benefit to the city and valley. All pull together!