NO. 17.

FULLY EXPLAINS THE WATER

Circular Letter Issued by the Directors of the Sierra Madre Water Company in Support of the Proposed Transfer to the City

stockholders of the Sierra Madre Water Company the Directors have set forth the facts bearing on the local water situation and the reasons which have transferring the company's holdings to bonds. the city. The circular should receive the careful attentieon of every one interested in the welfare of Sierra Madre.

As has been stated already, the consideration agreed upon by the company's bodies. directors and the city trustees in conference as the basis for the negotiations, is \$96,000. This is, of course, a purely arbitrary figure, since the actual value of the property would be too high for the city to pay for and the par value of the stock, less the bonded debt, would be far too low.

Important points emphasized in the circular are the fact that the company with the present developments. The herewith:

In a crcular letter addressed to the company is powerless to borrow money ter of the Order of the Eastern Star within five years for further development. Continuance of the present arvelopment, in addition to the usual as- Worthy Matron, and other officers of all over Sierra Madre in April have caused them to bring up the question of sessments to pay interest and retire Ocean Park Chapter. Others participat-

> and the city trustees are in complete accord as to the wisdom of the transfer, including every member of both Worthy Matron of Southgate Chapter,

The importance of every share of stock being represented at the meeting is dwelt upon at length. Last year only three-fourths of the stock was represented, so that it would have been practically impossible to secure the favorable vote of the necessary two-thirds of the total stock.

For the information of those citizens who are not stockholders in the comwould not be able to meet the demand pany and consequently will not receive for water during a series of dry seasons the circular the complete letter is printed

Sierra Madre, Cal., January 30, 1911.

To the Stockholders:

Ladies and Gentlemen: A year ago a special meeting of this company was Mrs. Alice Staples held, as you will probably recall, to submit to the stockholders a proposition to sell the property of the company to the City of Sierra Madre. That meeting was well attended and a large majority of those present, in person or by proxy, were favorable to such sale. But owing to the absence or non-representation of about 25 per cent of the stockholders the essential two-thirds majority was not voted and the proposal was defeated.

Since that time the conditions which suggested the change in the ownership of the Water Plant have increased and intensified. The recent official announcement of the census, giving Sierra Madre a population of over 1,300, and indicating that since the advent of the Pacific Electric Railway and the incorporation of the City, the population has doubled, strongly accentuates the need for the further development of water to meet the requirements of the increased and growing population.

This necessity is further emphasized by the fact that bountiful rains for transfer of the holdings of the Water several past seasons have given place to a diminished rainfall. Past experience shows that periods of bounteous rainfall are invariably followed by periods of lesser rainfall which, during some seasons, amounts to temporary drouth.

Recognizing that the efficiency of a water company is measured by its capacity to fully meet the demand for water during the driest season of a series of dry seasons, and realizing that the present developments of water ARE NOT ADEQUATE FOR THAT PURPOSE, your Directors have recently consulted Mr. F. C. Finkle of Los Angeles, the well known Engineer, as to the possibilities of developing more water.

Mr. Finkle submitted a very full and complete report which embraced a study of the watershed in the neighborhood of Sierra Madre. This report, while very encouraging, is too long and too technical to quote. But it may be stated briefly, that while it strongly emphasizes the necessity of increasing the present water supply with as little delay as possible, it also indicates where and by what methods, on the Company's property, and on lands to be acquired by purchase or condemnation in the immediate neighborhood, an increase of sixty inches of water may be obtained. This would meet the wants of the community for the next ten years. This report also furnishes estimates of the cost of such developments, a considerable portion of which must be undertaken without

The financial aspect of the whole situation has had most careful consideration by your Directors, especially in view of the fact that for five years at least the borrowing powers of the Company cannot be extended. Nevertheless a heavy outlay in cash must be made during that period if a scarcity of water

for all purposes is to be avoided. The consideration of the foregoing investigations, and especially the financial aspects thereof, have strengthened the conclusion, reached by your Directors more than a year ago, that the only permanent and economical solution of the later. problem lies in the municipal ownership of the water rights and distributing and pumping plants of the Water Company. This conclusion is further strengthened by the fact that the City Trustees have recently commenced suit to secure, by condemnation, the rights of the Baldwin estate in the stream and in the west tunnel in the Little Santa Anita Canyon.

If the suit is, as anticipated, successful, the Water Company will be divorced from an uncongenial partner and will be allied to a new partner whose interests are largely identical. The fact, however, will still remain that the

EASTERN STAR CEREMONIES

Sierra Madre Chapter Formally Instituted Monday Evening

With impressive ceremonies which were attended by a large number of out of town guests the Sierra Madre Chapwas formally instituted at the Masonic Lodge room Monday evening. The cererangement means immediate assessments monies were in charge of A. B. Fraser, of \$1.35 to \$1.50 a share for further de- Past Grand Patron, Mrs. Bertha Nelson, given at the Woman's Club house and ing in the ceremonies were Mrs. Chloe ten, Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Case, Past Grand Adah, Mrs. Vanculin, and Mrs. Ella Mitchell, Past Worthy Matron of Southgate Chapter.

> Supper was served in the rooms of the Woman's Club preceding the ceremonies. About thirty-five visitors were present to assist or witness the launching of the new chapter in the order. The officers installed were as follows:

Mrs. Pearl Biederman Worthy Matron W. E. WalkerWorthy Patron Mrs. W. E. Walker

...... Worthy Associate Matron Mrs. Silva Merrill......Worthy Secretary Mrs. L. E. Steinberger..Worthy Treasurer Miss Mabel DePencier...

Worthy Conductress

,	Worthy Associate Conductress
;	Mrs. C. A. YerxaAdah
	Mrs. H. G. FlintEsther
	Mrs. George CrowMartha
	Mrs. Eliza MerrellElectra
	Mr. C. A. YerxaWarder
)	Mr. S. H. SpaffordSentinel Mr. J. A. PattersonChaplain Mrs. J. A. PattersonOrganist
	Mrs. J. A. PattersonOrganist

INDORSE WATER SALE

At a called meeting of the directors of the Board of Trade Monday evening it was decided to indorse the proposed Company to the city and a committee was appointed to do what is possible to bring the matter to a favorable vote at the annual meeting of the company's stockholders on February 9. The Board of Trade as a body was on record as favoring the transfer when it was proposed last year. But owing to the fact that the next meeting of the Board will be held after the date of the Water Company's meeting it would be impossible to secure action before that time. Hence the action taken by the directors.

Plans for the annual banquet are al ready under way by the entertainment committee but it was decided to hold the banquet early in March instead of during February as has been customary. on account of the entertainment to be given next month. Plans for increasing the membership were discussed ad the membership committee of which W. E Farman is chairman was instructed to go ahead with a membership contest to culminate with the annual banquet. Detailed plans for this will be announced

ARE YOUR TAXES PAID?

Sierra Madre city taxes must be paid inches. by next Monday, else they will go de-So those who have not yet paid up will uty tax collector.

FLOWER SHOW **WORK ASSIGNED**

ORGANIZE FOR FESTIVAL

Committee Chairmen Appointed to Make Flower Show at Woman's Club House a Success

Plans for the big flower festival to be been going forward rapidly. Consider-The directors of the Water Company Routzahn, Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Pat- able work has been done in preparing the ground and planting on the lots adjacent to the club house. During the week the various competitive classes have been announced as well as the organization of the general committee in charge and the chairmen of the various sub-committees. Those who will have charge of the various departments of work are as follows:

> General Committee: Mrs. C. W. Mitchell, Chairman; Mrs. L. E. Steinberger, Secretary; C. W. Mitchell, Treasurer; Mrs. George H. Letteau, Mrs. W. J. Lawless, Mrs. L. C. Torrance, M. D. Welsher.

The following chairmen have been appointed by the general committee and others may be appointed later as need is felt for them:

Professional exhibits, Mrs. L. C. Tor-

Exhibits from private grounds, W. W. Felgate.

Wild flowers, Mrs. C. W. Jones. Cut flowers, Mrs. F. J. Hart. Potted plants, Irving N. Ward. Floral baskets, Mrs. Frank Wright. Fruit and vegetables, F. R. Yerxa. Commercial exhibit, Mrs. W. J. Law-

Courtesy, Mrs. E. W. Camp. Music, Mrs. W. H. Ingraham. Hospitality, Mrs. Caroline Collins. Candy, Miss Lydia Webster. Press committee, Mrs. Louis Dietz. Programs, Mrs. Cabot Yerxa. Advertising, J. A. Patterson. Decorations, Mrs. A. S. Moore.

The various classes in which there will be a competition and prizes offered will be found enumerated on another page of this paper.

RAINFALL RECORD

(By John G. Blumer)

Season of 1910-11

December	r	
January	9	
January	10	2.43
January	15	1.65
January	21	
January	24	
January	25	1.61
January	26	

Total to date Total at corresponding date last year, 19.57 inches.

Rainfall during January, 1910, 4.79

linquent. The amended tax ordinance do so without delay lest they forget. provides that after the last Monday in The tax bills can be found at the First January all unpaid taxes go delinquent. National Bank, Mr. Flint being the dep-

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READY FOR DROUTH?

Is Sierra Madre Prepared for a Series of Dry Seasons?

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Sometimes the early rains are very abundant, as they were in 1889 when that abundance was sustained right through the season, giving a total record of 48.61 inches. In other years, like 1904, October was below the average, in November no rain fell, December, 1904, and January, 1905, were below the average and yet the season's rainfall ran up and made the high total of 35.09 inches. Such variations and surprises have been and will be recorded and only make the comparison of one season with another, for the purpose of deduction, the more

The study of rainfall over periods rather than seasons is, however, more informing. In semi-tropical countries, like Southern California, Northern Mexico, South Africa and parts of Australia, the abundant rainfall for one series of years is followed by similar periods of deficiency. Records have not been kept long enough to indicate to what extent these periods vary, but sufficient actual experience has been gained from which to draw valuable lessons.

What do our Sierra Madre records teach, taken over periods rather than seasons? Take the seven years included between the years 1894 to 1900, the period most deficient in rainfall in the records of Sierra Madre. During those years the average rainfall was only 15.48 inches. The best season of the seven years gave 28.73 inches and the next season, 1898-99, only 8.34 inches.

Compare these records with those of the seven preceding seasons when the average was 29.11 inches, the highest season's rainfall 48.61 and the lowest 19.82 inches.

It will be observed that a comparison of these two periods shows a variation of 13.63 inches in the average rainfall. But when the comparison is made between highest and lowest records during these two periods, embracing fourteen years, the result is much more startling. In 1889-90 the actual rainfall was 48.61 inches, in 1898-99 only 8.34 inches, or an actual, not an average, difference of more than 40 inches.

A study of the seven seasons following the dry period is equally instructive. During the inclusive period 1901-1907 the average rainfall was 28.44 compared with 15.48 during the preceding dry period. The highest actual rainfall was 41.04 inches compared with 8.34, or an equally striking difference of 32.70 inches.

Since the close of the last septennial period there has been one year of bounteous rainfall and now it would appear as if a dry period was developing. The problem, then, for all water providers, be they municipal, co-operative, or profit-earning, is not how to get along in a deluge, but how to be prepared for

Is Sierra Madre prepared? JOHN G. BLUMER.

MEETING OF CITY TRUSTEES The city trustees last evening amended the health ordinance so as to prohibit spitting on sidewalks or in public buildings by any person and in addition to make it a punishable offense for any person having tuberculosis to spit in any street. The powers and duties of the municipal nurse are also more clearly defined, together with regulations for Try News Want Ads for quick returns fumigation of houses. Little else was the Sierra Madre Feed & Fuel Co.

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done aside from routine business. Among the bills allowed was one for \$15 to cover the authorized expense for three days' work by the now famous dusky dog catcher from Santa Monica. City Attorney Madden was absent, having been given thirty days absent leave for a business trip east. Clerk Carter and Marshal Kay were also absent, making the official family rather small.

WOMAN'S CLUB

A dancing class for adults will begin a course of twelve lessons this evening under the direction of Mrs. Beamer of Monrovia. The charge for the entire course will be \$6. The class continues from 7:30 to 8:30, after which an assembly is held until 10:30 o'clock. Admission to assembly, 35 cents.

The regular children's dancing class takes place tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, also under direction of Mrs. Beamer. This course also comprises twelve lessons for which a charge of \$5

Tomorrow evening the regular dancing party of the Club will be held. Admission 50 cents. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

The annual colonial party will be held as usual by the club on the evening of February 22. This has always been one of the most enjoyable events of the entire season and no pains will be spared to keep up the high standard.

The regular sessions of the Domestic Science class will be resumed on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The dishes demonstrated will be on sale for the class. Luncheon will not be served this

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Brief Items of Interest

Mrs. Paul Staples left yesterday for her home in Oxnard.

W. H. Ingraham and G. H. Johnson were visitors in Corcoran this week.

Miss Mildred Harrison of Los Angeles is the guest of Miss Edna Staples this

J. H. Gilliland of Los Angeles spent Saturday at the home of Rev. J. M. Campbell.

Mrs. A. J. Rust is still confined to her bed by illness, having suffered two relapses within a week.

Theodore Campbell of Claremont spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Caskey had as guests last week Mr. Stone and Mr. Berlin of Sioux Falls, S. D.

Mrs. Hansen and daughter of Pasadena, former residents of Sierra Madre, were visiting friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hawks have left for their home in Alameda after spending several weeks in Sierra Madre.

Mrs. Olds, Miss Raney Olds and Mr. Jack Olds of Los Angeles spent the week end at the Ingraham and Johnson homes.

Miss Forbes of Pasadena superintended the Quiet Hour service of the Christian Endeavor Society at the Congregational church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell entertained at dinner on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Homan of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Havward of Los Angeles.

Dr. Daley of Porterville has purchased the cottage on Highland Avenue belonging to Mrs. M. A. Smart of Los Angeles which is now occupied by Mrs. R. R. Wherry.

Mrs. Georgia Hill of Ocean Park was a visitor Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth J. Morgridge, later attending the institution ceremonies of the Eastern Star Chapter.

California by auto. Mr. Gedney is pro- Congregational church. prietor of a large pickle manufacturing

Covers were laid for sixteen and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all.

Several Sierra Madre people attended the Ellis Club concert at Simpson Auditorium, Los Angeles, Tuesday evening. from Sierra Madre were Captain and Mrs. J. A. Osgood, Mr. and Mrs. Holt Gregory, Misses Alice Tufts, Gertrude Cook and Inez Clark.

teen, nearly the entire company hav- Saia Black of Philadelphia. ing been friends at the University of Southern California. Decorations were of asparagus fern, roses and orange blossoms. After the luncheon the bride was the surprised recipient of a large number of beautiful and useful articles Right scornfully she called me down; of various descriptions. Besides the guest of honor and hostess there were seated at the table Mrs. Albert Paul of Riverside, Mrs. Gordon Davidson, Misses Edna Bovard, Alice Hogan, Gretchen Hensel, Edna Augur, Lucile Zander, Edith Myers, Maude Speicher, Florence Speicher, and Sue Shenk of Los Angeles, Miss Mabel Vail of Long Beach, and Miss Evelyn Rice of Sierra Madre. if they did!"-Meggendorfer Blatter.

Dr. W. R. Pike of Long Beach spent Wednesday in Sierra Madre.

Wilbur Gilliland of Los Angeles spent Sunday visiting Sierra Madre friends.

Miss Katherine Torrance entertained as a week end guest Miss Crewe of Los Angeles.

Roy Edwards has purchased lot 34 of the Valley View tract from A. S. Mead and John Sinclair.

Mrs. G. W. Warner and daughter of Venice spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. A. C. Patterson.

Howard Marcy and his mother, Mrs. O. B. Marcy, have rented the Evans cottage at Adams and Laurel.

Col. A. S. Moore has been seriously ill during the past week, but has shown slight improvement recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Blalock and daughter of Chicago have taken the Wright cottage on Highland Avenue for the winter.

Mrs. A. B. Heishell has gone to Los Angeles to spend the winter with her friends, Miss Upton, 937 S. Hill street.

C. S. Seeley of Lockport, N. Y., has joined Mrs. Seeley and the children who arrived several weeks ago to spend the winter here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawless, Mr. and Mrs. George Letteau and Eleanor Hinton spent the week end at Hermosa Beach, making the trip by auto.

The Official Board of the Congregational Church, together with their wives, enjoyed a supper in the parlors of the church Thursday evening, followed by a business session.

Eldred Yule has been showing considerable ability as a trapper recently, numbering several foxes and wildcats among his trophies. He recently secured a live fox in the mountains which he brought home and kept in captivity.

The Southern California conference of the Congregational Church met at Ply-Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gedney of St. Paul, mouth Church, Los Angeles, this week Minn., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. and was attended by Mrs. R. J. Lord and Yerxa last week. They are touring Mr. F. H. Porter from the Sierra Madre

Mrs. George Letteau entertained on Wednesday with a charmingly appointed The officers of Sierra Madre Lodge, luncheon, her guests being Mmes. W. H. F. & A. M., gave a supper at Patterson's Baurhyte, Rundell and Dr. Rose Ballard last Friday evening complimentary to of Los Angeles, Mrs. Hogue of Ventura, Grand Lecturer Baker of San Francisco Mmes. Lawless, Lund, Torrance, Entand Division Inspector Test of Pasadea. wistle and Eleanor Hinton of Sierra Madre.

Miss Edna Staples charmingly entertained several friends at her home Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Paul C. Staples of Oxnard. Other guests were It was the second concert of the fifteenth | Mmes. Rowland D. Laws, Roland Adams, season of the club. Those who attended Cabot Yerxa, Misses Emily Brugman. Vega Brugman, Edna Bell, Cora Bell, Hazel Hill, Evelyn Rice, Marjorie Rice.

Mrs. C. H. Baker entertained with a family dinner party Wednesday evening Miss Fthel Hogan of Los Angeles, in honor of the birthday anniversary of whose engagement to Dr. Joseph Pettee Miss Charline. Covers were laid for Copp has been recently announced, was nine. Pink rosebuds were used extenthe guest of honor at a luncheon and sively in the decorations. Visiting guests shower given by Miss Hazel Hill last were Mrs. R. H. Baker of Los Angeles, Saturday. Covers were laid for fif- Mrs. J. M. Nixon of Indianapolis, Miss

A Hysterical Rondeau

From luncheon she called me down, By telephone she called me up; My negligence had won her frown, I had forgot to praise her gown;

My thin excuses balled me up; And that is why she called me down When angrily she called me up. -Lippincott's Magazine.

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BY THE WAY

water question is settled right.

have an engagement for the evenings of February 16 and 17. The Board of Trade entertainment will be worth wait-

Almost every other city along the foothills has settled its water question by municipal ownership. Those which have not already done so are now working in that direction. That is the economical solution for Sierra Madre.

the welfare of Sierra Madre than the man who has selected this for his home town? No one, not even the man with forty acres of land or a big business. The talk about this town being run by men without any interestein its welfare is all rot.

stability to values and promoting in violation of the city ordinances. It growth as the municipal ownership and will be remembered the property owners proper development of the local water were served with notice to fumigate or supply. If you have influence with any stockholders of the Water Company see that they are represented at the meet- the property. One objection to such an ing February 9 and prepared to vote order is the fact that fumigation at "yes" on the proposition to sell to the this season of the year is practically city.

been appointed City Recorder. There's procedure is that the order cannot be nothing to it, Brother Cornelius, except enforced. The county has no equipment a life lease on the title of "judge." The of its own in this field, but hires the writer held the job for nearly a year and fumigating outfit of the Sierra Madretried to get all the girls in Sierra Madre to let him marry them but none of to cover the field, so that only partial them wanted to get married or else they work can be done, which is a waste of could not find a man. So the recorder money. Until the county can provide had no wedding ceremonies to perform during that time.

Glendale News.-Senator-elect Works says that he owes his election to "Meyer call in its inspectors and save the county Lissner and Christian Science." Fur- and the property owners a lot of ex- Sierra Madre Feed & Fuel Co.

by being able to "keep the right thought in his mind." In other words he applied the faith cure to the delegates who ought to have voted for Spalding but jobs in payment of political debts. didn't. This relieves Lissner of considerable responsibility. Is it not found Entered as second class matter at in the Scriptures, "Faith without Works

Some of the large irrigators of Sierra Madre do not seem to realize how completely they are at the mercy of the small consumer under the present water Watch Sierra Madre grow-when the arrangement. Nothing on earth can stop the growth of this town. As more This is just to remind you that you people come in the demand for domestic water will increase and IT MUST BE MET, regardless of what happens to the orchards. Any court would uphold that statement. Then what will the irrigator do unless more water is developed? And how is more water to be developed except under municipal ownership? The only way is by stock assessments on the water company's stock, which would fall most heavily on the large stockholders, who are the irrigat-Who has a larger or closer interest in ors. And there will be no end to that process. Think it over, Mr. Rancher.

THAT FUMIGATION BLUFF

Summed up the results of those recent notices from the county horticultural commission to fumigate street trees within five days seem to amount to a lot of needless alarm to property owners, some of whom were frightened from other sources as was the case with cut the tops off scale infected trees within five days or have the fumigation done by the county and taxed against useless because of the fact that a large proportion of the scale are in such a The editor of the Newport News has stage of their growth that they are not affected. Another point against such Lamanda Citrus Association to do the work. The force is entirely inadequate some means of getting the work done thoroughly throughout the entire district and all within the period when the work will accomplish the desired results the horticultural commission might as well

thorough fumigation at the proper season, which is all the more reason for objecting to misdirected energy and useless expense for the sake of providing

MORE HELP FOR OBSERVATORY

Andrew Carnegie has given another \$10,000,000 to the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of Science, which means a largely increased income for the maintenance of the Mt. Wilson Solar Observatory. This brings the total contributions from the old iron master for this purpose to \$25,000,000. In announcing the gift Mr. Carnegie gave as one of the principal reasons which induced it the importance of the work done at Mt. Wilson under direction of Dr. George E. Hale. He rates Dr. Hale as without exception the greatest living astronomer and predicts that the observatory will be able with increased equipment now planned to make all previous stellar investigations appear like the most elementary kind of study.

Just what is the expense of maintaining the observatory and prosecuting the scientific work on Mt. Wilson is of course not public information. It has been guessed at all the way from \$75,000 to \$150,000 annually. These figures are probably not too large and the increase in the foundation fund will doubtless increase the income of the observatory very largely. The Mt. Wilson institution is one of the three principal enterprises conducted under the auspices of increased equipment as is not received Hooker of Los Angeles.

IOWAN'S ANNUAL PICNIC

The Iowa Association of Southern California announces its great annual picnic for 1911. It will be held at Eastlake Park, Los Angeles, on February 22. All Iowans in Southern California are cordially invited to attend and will receive a hearty welcome at this delightful reunion of resident and visiting lowans.

Bring your dinner and stay all day. Program of music and addresses in the afternoon. All Iowa papers are asked to announce this for the benefit of readers who may be visiting in California at that date.

Further information may be obtained of the Secretary, C. H. Parsons, Artesia,

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thermore that he was assisted greatly pense. Nobody disputes the need for NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sierra Madre Water Company will be held at the Town Hall, Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County, California, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., on February 9, 1911, for the purpose of receiving the annual reports of the Treasurer, Auditor and President; the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting and the election of Directors for the ensuing year.

C. H. PERRY, Secretary. Sierra Madre, January 23, 1911

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ORDINANCE NO. 136

An Ordinance of the Loard of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, Amending Ordinance No. 73 of Ordinances of Said City of Sierra Madre, by Amending Section 5 Thereof, and by Amend-Thereto Two New Sections, to be Known as Sections 531/4 and 531/2.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 73 of Ordinances of said City of Sierra Madre with the dead cat at his feet and with be, and the same is, hereby amended by torn clothes and bloody bandages attestamending Section 5 thereof, said Sec- ing his valor. But he did it for a joke tion 5 being hereby amended to read and did not know the picture was to be as follows:

floor, walls, or stairs of any public ceived the notion after reading these at least three Trustees, to-wit: walk, or floor or platform of any electric fears whenever they get ready to hit car, within said City of Sierra Madre; the trail for an enjoyal le hike to the and the spitting or expectorating upon peak. any public street within said City of Sierra Madre by any person having or by made unlawful for any person hav- hour. - Chicago Daily News. ing or being afflicted with tuberculosis to spit or expectorate upon any public street within said City of Sierra Madre." marry a one-eyed man? She-Good

Ordinances of said City of Sierra Madre your umbrella.—Boston Transcript. be, and the same is, hereby amended by adding two new sections thereto to be paid by the owner or person in charg known as Sections 531/4 and 531/2, and or control of the premises so fumigated which said sections shall read as fol- Section 531/2. It is hereby made un

lows, to-wit: dinance; all fumigating and disinfect- tion was unnecessary. ing required by this Ordinance shall be | Section 3. The City Clerk shall cer done by the Municipal Nurse, who shall tify to the adoption of this Ordinance receive a sum sufficient to cover the ex- and shall cause the same to be published

HELPING STATION

A helping station has been established at the southeast corner of Auburn and Highland Avenues. While it is under the auspices of the Woman's Club it is under the personal supervision of Mrs. C. W. Mitchell. All kinds of cooked foods will be kept on sale, and while especial attention will be paid to the needs of the sick there will be a large enough variety to suit all classes of people and it is hoped enough business can be secured to make the venture self-

Foods of all kinds will be cooked to order. Light lunches will be served at all hours and dinner can be served at a few hours notice. Broths, jellies, custards, junkets, egg nogs, egg lemonades and orangeades will be served at any time or may be secured to be taken out. Light luncheons of soups, sandwiches, salads, coffee and deserts can be had at

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THAT WILDCAT STORY

That was a dandy wild cat story from Mt. Wilson which ran through several versions in the various Los Angeles papers. The one from the Examiner, which was the most exciting, was reprinted in the News just because it was a good yarn and the editor happened to be at the "scissors or nothing" stage when the Examiner came to the rescue. Harvey Nies, the hero reported as choking the cat to death, is now decidedly bashful about making his appearance on the lower levels because so many people ask how it feels to choke a wild cat and that gets embarrassing when you did not really do it. As a matter of fact, Jack Bunting shot the cat while it was prowling around the chicken pen near the hotel. Harvey did pose for the picture which appeared in the Examiner,

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lawful for any owner of, or any person Section 531/4. That the office of in charge or control of, any vacan Municipal Nurse be, and the same is, dwelling, apartment house or other hereby established. Said Municipal premises within said City of Sierra Nurse shall be appointed by the Board Madre to cause or permit same, to b of Trustees and shall hold office at the occupied by any person or persons with pleasure of said Board of Trustees. out having first procured from said Said Municipal Nurse shall act as De- Municipal Nurse a statement in writ puty Health Officer and shall perform ing, signed by said Municipal Nurse, t such duties as are required by the Board | the effect that such dwelling, apartmen of Health or Health Officer for the en- house or other premises have been proforcement of the provisions of this Or- perly fumigated, or that such fumiga

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hereby designated for that purpose, and Mrs. S. Hayman47 thereupon and thereafter the same shall S. Ballow .. Mrs. N. H. Burgess take effect and be in force. 2.00 The foregoing Ordinance was adopted F. H. Poste 1 published. Another photograph of the by the Board of Trustees of the City F. H. Porter ______1 Madre to spit or expectorate on the other paper. So people who have con- uary, 1911, by the affirmative vote of G. W. Burleigh 1 F. J. Tower 1 amusement, or upon any public side- are full of bodcats can put away their Pegler, Steinberger, Jones. Farmers' & Merchants' Bank 6.00 And signed and approved this 26th Mrs. J. P. Mills 4 8.00 E. A. Bonive 6 day of January, A. D., 1911. 12.00 C. W. JONES, A. H. Johnson 4 8.00 M. Carson 1 President of the Board of Trustees. 2.00 F. A. Gould 3 City Clerk pro tem. L. Harris 1 W. S. Boyd 2 4.00 D. B. Morrison 3 6.00 E. G. Miller 1 2.00 J. W. Reed 1 2.00 W. A. Templeton 2 4.00 Mary W. Musick 1 2.00 W. K. Fogg 1 2.00 J. A. Foshay 1 2.00 Peter Kurtz 1 2.00 Charles Ray 1 2.00 L. C. Torrance 1 2.00 R. Schiffman 1 2.00 F. S. Salisbury

2.00 25, 1911.

And in accordance with the law and 00 the order of the Board of Directors, made on the 13th day of December, 0 1910, so many shares of each parcel 00 of stock as may be necessary will be sold at the office of the secretary, at 00 Lamanda Park, California, on the 9th 00 day of February, 1911, at the hour of three o'clock p. m. of such day, to pay 00 the delinquent assessment thereon, to-00 gether with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

WALTER I. ALLEN, Secretary. 6.00 Lamanda Park, California, January

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FLOWER SHOW COMPETITION

First Annual Flower Festival of Sierra Madre, California. April 20, 21 and 22, 1911.

The Committee begs to cali attention to the various classes of exhibits which will be judged and awarded prizes at the Flower Festival.

Roses, Carnations, Sweet Peas, Geraniums, Bulbs, Garden Plants, and Rare and Foreign Plants will come under the head of Cut Flowers. Ferns, Palms, Ornamental Trees, Decorative Plants, Begonias, Ger-

aniums and Rare and Foreign Plants in Pots will be in another Class. Tables will be provided for Exhibits from Private Grounds and will be judged for the beauty of arrangement as well as the quality and variety of the flowers.

Fruits, nuts and vegetables will be awarded prizes for size, rarity

and quality.

The various Annuals, such as Foxgloves, Canterbury Bells, Shirley Poppies, etc., etc., will be classed and awarded prizes. THE SCHOOL EXHIBIT

The School Exhibit will be one of the most interesting features of the Festival. There will be various classes.

Class 1. Cut flowers and vegetables from school gardens.

Class 2. Cut flowers and vegetables from home gardens, planted and cared for by the children.

Class 3. Potted plants from slips and bulbs. These must be reported and registered by Feb. 1st.

Class 4. Floral baskets arranged by individuals or clubs of two or five children.

Class 5. Wild Flower Division—This section will be made of great interest. Prizes will be awarded for the largest variety gathered durnig the intervening time. The finest and best collection brought in for the Festival, the best Herbarium of pressed wild flowers and the best five drawings or paintings of Wild Flowers. Special credit will be given

for rare specimens and good condition. Mr. Ward will give any child a slip in a small pot and will keep a record of such. Any child wishing to grow something from a home grown slip will please report to the Chairman so that uniform pots and plants will be had. Geraniums, Ivy Geraniums, Carnations, Pansies, etc., etc., will make good potted plants.

Clubs can be formed of several children each taking a large plant of some flower like Carnation or Pansy, those forming a class which will be judged separately.

SIERRA MADRE WATER COMPANY

(Continued from Page 1)

water supply of the City will then be in the hands of two distinct managements, covering the same territory, a condition which, to say the least, could not be called economical.

Therefore, in order to bring a clear, definite and simple issue before the stockholders at the forthcoming annual meeting, your Directors, on the 17th inst. held a conference with the City Trustees in order to review with them present conditions and, at the same time, to ascertain whether the Trustees were willing to abide by the provisional arrangement of a year ago under which the City was to take over the Company's property at the agreed consideration of \$96,000.

The result of that conference was to indicate not only that the City Trustees were willing to confirm and renew the provisional arrangement for purchase, but likewise to show that the City Trustees and your Directors are, including every member of each body, in complete harmony as to the wisdom of consummating such a sale and purchase.

Your Directors therefore unanimously resolved to re-submit to you for your approval, at the forthcoming Annual Meeting, the proposal to sell the property of the Company to the City of Sierra Madre.

If you approve this recommendation the difficulties of the financial situation will be solved in a manner which will spread the burden of the transaction so that the present and the next generation will alike share it, as well as the advantages to be derived from a permanently increased water supply. Should you disapprove of the policy recommended by your Directors, and at the same time desire to be provided with water year by year, and season by season, be they wet or dry, you must be prepared, in order that the Directors may undertake needful water developments, to bear the whole burden and submit to an assessment on your stock, during 1911, of from \$1.30 to \$1.50 per share, in addition to the usual assessments to retire bonds and pay interest thereon.

You must also be prepared to submit, for years to come, to similar assessments on your stock until the water supply, in years of deficient rainfall, is adequate for the existing and increasing population.

There is another alternative and that is to be prepared to submit with good grace, sooner or later, to a shortage of water which will inconvenience your families and depreciate your property.

Almost every other town in the foothill district, between Los Angeles and San Bernardino, is facing the problem of a growing population and the absolute need of an increased water supply. Without exception these towns have decided to meet progress by development. It is for the stockholders in the Sierra Madre Water Company and, in their turn, the tax payers of this city, to decide whether Sierra Madre shall lag behind.

In order to settle the above issues it is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL that more than two-thirds of the stockholders shall be present in person or by proxy at the annual meeting and be prepared to vote. It is very desirable that every stockholder should be present, when your Directors will be prepared to enter more fully into detail, than is practicable by circular, and to answer any pertinent questions that may be put to them.

Should you be unable to be present it is most important, both in your own nterest and in the interest of the whole community, that you send promptly to some stockholder or to the Secretary of the Company, a proxy with instructions as to how it shall be voted.

Promptitude in sending proxies will facilitate business and prevent delay nd waste of time at the meeting. Please, therefore, if you cannot attend, forward your proxy at once with instructions that such proxy shall be filed with the Secretary in advance of the meeting. On behalf of the Directors,

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AT THE THEATERS

Majestic

Miss Maxine Elliott discovered a new and most engaging English playwright last season in Frank Stayton and incidentally she revealed herself anew in certain light comedy qualities of the touchand-go order when she played Mr. Slayton's jolly, sea breezy comedy, "The Inferior Sex" at Daly's Theatre in New York for many weeks, appearing for a return New York engagement at her own theatre this autumn. This is the play which she brings to the Majestic Theatre on Monday, January 30, for a week's engagement.

The play has to do with a woman hater who is writing a book on woman hating and who has sailed off alone in his yacht that his thoughts may be undisturbed by any feminine suggestion. Upon his plans a particularly prepossessing young woman intrudes, being cast away in his path in a small boat. The lady is rescued. There is no way to take her ashore. She stays and makes mischief, including a mutiny. In the end the manuscript of the former woman hater's book goes over the side to feed the fishes. Miss Elliott is, of course, the rescued beautiful lady. Being the only woman in the cast, she has to be.

The action takes place entirely upon the good yacht, "Firefly." Two scene sets are used, one showing a very fetching interior of the "Firefly's" cabin and the other a postion of the deck and superstructure. Frederic Kerr plays the role of the woman hater and O. B. Clarence makes a capital comedy valet, who hates and bathes the sea and loves and admires the gentler sex. Both these gentlemen are celebrated in London for their abilities to amuse, Mr. Clarence being brought over to this country for the first time last season by miss Elliott. T. Tamamoto, a Japanese actor, plays the other principal role.

Belasco

"The Liars," John Drew's most enduring comedy success, will be given next week by Lewis S. Stone and his associates of the Belasco company. The Buy your coal from us and see if you presentation of this Henry Arthur Jones play will take on additional interest from the fact that it will serve to introduce two new members of the Belasco organization, Robert Harrison and Hugh Dillman, as well as offering splendid opportunities to Roberta Arnold, the new Belasco ingenue.

"The Liars" represents Mr. Jones at his very best. Long con idered as the most thoroughly representative of English dramatists, in the Belasco offering the Jones scope, with the result that the four acts provide an entertainment at once sparkling and refreshingly attractive. Incidentally the production will afford the women of the Belasco company a chance to display some especially fine gowns and the managerial assurance is given that this sartorial op-

Mr. Stone will be seen in the role originally played by Mr. Drew, while Miss Gordon will essay the chief feminine part. The entire Belasco company will be found in particularly congenial roles in "The Liars," and the performance should be one of the noteworthy events of the current season at the

Following "The Liars," the Belasco organization will give the first performance of Hayden Talbot's new play of the great Southwest, "In God's Country."

Burbank

any other new production given by Mr. ance theater-goers here have ever seen. in certain parts.—Columbia Jester.

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Morosco, if not more than any other The play itslf is so entirely different heretofore given on the coast. Not only in thought and treatment from any has the elaborate scenic setting shown other drama ever written that it stands "The Fox" goes into its third week Mr. Morosco's own good faith in his an- in a class by itself. of popularity at the Burbank Theater. nouncement that he is going to play it This comedy of Lee Arthur's has un- in the east, but it has given to Los An-

First Cannibal-How did that actor questionably caused more comment than geles the most expensive stock perform- taste? Second Cannibal—He was good