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Water Company's Water Is Mostly in Its Stock

OVER CAPITALIZATION AND LIMITED WATER SUPPLY, AND ENDLESS LITIGATION ARE IN STORE FOR OAKLAND.

By CHRIS RUNCKEL.

THE TRUE NATURE of the scheme on the part of Mayor Mott and those behind him to unload the Peoples Water Company upon the people of Alameda County will become fully apparent when the actual situation is fully understood. In order that those who are interested in knowing upon what the Press bases its assertion that the valuation of the property is placed at \$30,000,000 we print herewith a circular sent out on February 1 of this year over the signature of F. C. Havens, president of the company. From a study of this circular it will be seen that one of the most valuable assets in the eyes of the president is of course the water supply. When we consider that the cost of delivering the water is estimated at 11 cents per 1000 gallons and the sale price 25 cents per thousand gallons it is not surprising that the law of December 1911 should be so framed as to enable the promoters of the scheme to seize the Alvarado supply by main force. A study of the accompanying table showing the yield of water from the various sources of the company will at once demonstrate the money yielding capacity of the Alvarado wells.

Six-thirteenths of the water of the company for the year 1911 came from Washington Township according to the Freeman report. As the aggregate revenue of the company is given by its president Mr. Havens, at \$1,689,526.25 then fully three quarters of a million dollars a year is the income to the company from its Alvarado wells.

During the past two years the company has increased its drain of the Alvarado supply nearly TWO MILLION GALLONS A DAY. If the company is to unload its holdings upon the east bay cities, the most valuable of all its assets, is the underground supply of Washington Township. If that supply is sold to the proposed Metropolitan Water district it would be the height of folly on our part to expect for one minute that the district would ever give it up without a tremendous legal fight. It will be hard enough to defend ourselves against the People's Water Company. But should the proposed sale ever be put through and the properties unloaded upon the various communities of the County it would mean the further exploitation of our water supply and it WOULD ALSO PREVENT the county from assuming its share of the burden of building the Hetch Hetchy system.

THE TIME TO KILL THE GIGANTIC STEAL IS RIGHT NOW.

We recommend to our readers a careful study of the following circular issued last February by the People's Water Company.

PEOPLES WATER COMPANY
Office of the President
Broadway and Ninth Street
Oakland, California
TO THE STOCK AND BOND HOLDERS OF THE PEOPLES WATER COMPANY.
The following information is offered for your consideration.

The recent rains have raised the lake level to 63 ft. 1 in., an ample quantity for future requirements. All the lesser reservoirs have also gained to an important extent.

The installation during the Summer and Fall of the latest improved power plants in the district north of Oakland has resulted in a decrease of over 30 per cent in operating cost and an increase of over 50 per cent in the supply. OVER TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL CONSUMPTION IS NOW SUPPLIED FROM UNDERGROUND SOURCES.

The gradual installation of meters was completed in June 1911. The effect of this common sense method of dealing in water is shown by the following record.

Daily Consumption for 1910	19 450 000
Daily Consumption for 1911	16 913 000
Daily Consumption for 1912	15 200 000

a total decrease since 1910 of 4,250,000 gallons per day, supplied through 57,474 outlets to a population of about 350,000.

INCOME for 1912 from all sources	\$1 689 526 25
Operating expenses, bond interest, taxes, etc.,	1 512 175 75
SURPLUS	\$177 350 51

About 45,500 acres of the Company's lands adjoin the populated districts of Oakland and Berkeley. The pressure of the home-seeker is now felt all along the line of our property and values are increasing at an astonishing rate. The Sky Line Boulevard, now building, and the Oakland and Antioch Electric Railway, now nearing completion, are proving important factors in this enhancement. Many sales of country lands lying beyond our properties to the East have recently been made at from \$100 to \$300 per acre. An average value of about \$270 per acre for these properties would equal the bonded debt of the Company.

Recent careful estimates show that the reconstruction value of the Company's 879 miles of mains, piping, pumping plants, meters, supplies on hand and other property exceeds \$9,750,000.

The third and most important is the water supply. Well known engineers estimate that the properties can easily be developed to supply 1,000,000 population. Obviously, THE DEVELOPED AND UNDEVELOPED WATER RESOURCES EQUAL IN MONEY VALUE THE COMBINED VALUE OF THE REAL ESTATE AND THE DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM.

The total value may therefore be conservatively estimated AT MORE THAN THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS. Holders of the bonds and preferred stock would do well to consider these values, as par value in both cases should prevail, and only the lack of knowledge of true conditions is the cause of the lower but steady

ily strengthening quotations.

Yours truly,
F. C. HAVENS
Oakland, California
February 1st, 1913.

The following table shows the relative amount of surface and underground waters used by the Peoples Water Company since 1912. Notice the steady increase of the underground water used. The figures show the number of gallons per day used.

Year	Surface	Underground
1902	7 913 925	4 907 275
1903	8 185 811	4 937 972
1904	8 847 483	5 104 099
1905	9 473 711	5 520 366
1906	10 677 282	5 619 061
1907	10 681 688	7 778 890
1908	10 317 417	8 979 250
1909	9 948 501	9 245 712
1910	10 286 686	9 171 001
1911	6 382 914	10 925 207

The following analysis of the daily water supply of the Peoples Water Company shows the value of our underground supply to the company. It should be understood that the San Pablo wells are not producing what they did when bored six years ago. This is due to the limited gravel area and watershed and the increased local demands. The insignificant yield of other sources than the Alvarado wells and the Lake Chabot surface supply will be noted.

PEOPLES WATER CO.	
Surface Waters	6 381 626
Impounding Reservoirs	79 142
Ground Waters	6 302 484
Wells along the east shore.	10 925 208
Alvarado	8 051 416
Fitchburg	746 429
San Pablo No. 1.	318 331
San Pablo No. 2.	590 006
Richmond	315 171
	10 021 353
Tunnels, wells and springs in hills back of Oakland and Berkeley.	
Wildcat wells and tunnels	471 373
Summit Tunnel	145 506
Berryman Tunnel	101 870
Pfeiffer Springs	55 086
Piedmont Springs	130 020
	903 855

Freeman Says Supply Will Grow Less.

In order that we may not be considered an alarmist we quote the opinion of John R. Freeman, the eminent engineer who acted for San Francisco last year. Mr. Freeman's conclusions should be heeded by the people of Oakland before they tie up millions in a supply which will grow less and less and be accompanied by endless litigation. Mr. Freeman says: "A most painstaking canvass has been made during the past three months for such information as could be found from existing wells the results of which will be set forth in a report by Mr. Dockweiler, to be presented to the Advisory Board of Army Engineers.

"From my study of the advanced sheets of this report on the Niles Cone, in connection with that on the Peoples Water Company sources and such other information as I have been able to collect, I am led to believe, that taking a long look into the future, the quantity of water suitable for domestic supply, PARTICULARLY TO OAKLAND AND THE NEIGHBORING CITIES ON

BIG GAIN IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP'S ASSESSMENT

Washington Township comes up smiling again this year with the biggest gain in the assessment roll of any of the interior townships. Even not counting the extra \$1,500 added to Spring Valley's assessment because the company protested the assessment on its riparian rights last year still the township shows a gain of \$358,270 which is just double the gain of Pleasanton, Murray and Eden Townships combined.

What do you know about that! And shall we supinely permit this township to be made a water preserve for Oakland's benefit? Not if we know it.

The total gain for the county is \$14,328,121 over 1912. The city of Oakland's gain is \$6,142,676.

Assessor Horner's office turned over the assessment rolls promptly on July 1, the first time for years. The total assessment roll of the county is \$103,449,514.

Washington Township's assessment contains \$3,000,000 for the riparian rights of the Spring Valley, double

that of last year, for reasons mentioned above.

The following are the figures for the four townships:

Washington	
1913	\$10 600 195
1912	8 741 925
Gain	\$1 858 270
Net gain, \$358 270.	
Eden	
1913	\$6 184 875
1912	6 096 950
Gain	\$87 925
Pleasanton	
1913	\$4 033 500
1912	3,947 225
Gain	\$86 275
Murray	
1913	\$2 052 084
1912	2 021 302
Gain	\$30 782

The town of Livermore shows a decrease of \$2250, but she has retained her supervisor and our only member of the County Board of Education and bagged the Assemblyman from this district to boot, so she has evened up a little.

Murders Husband

MRS. DE VALLE CONFESSES TO SHOOTING AT MOWRY'S LANDING LAST TUESDAY NIGHT AND TELLS OF HER SUFFERING.

DE VALLE WAS IN BED STUPEFIED AFTER ONE OF HIS DEBAUCHES. LIFE OF TROUBLE FOR PAST FIFTEEN YEARS.

Manuel Enos De Valle, a farmer in the Mowry school district was murdered last Tuesday night by his wife Mary Enos De Valle. Wednesday forenoon J. F. Smith a neighbor was stopped by Mrs. De Valle and asked to go into the De Valle house to see what condition De Valle, who had been on one of his frequent debauches, was in. Smith found De Valle lying in bed dead with a bullet wound in his head just back of the ear. A revolver was lying on the floor beside the bed. Deputy Coroner Charles Quinton of Irvington was notified, and in examining the case, found that the revolver lying beside the dead man bore no evidence of having been used and also that the bullet in the wound was of larger caliber.

Owing to the suspicious nature of the case Mrs. De Valle was taken into custody and has confessed to the crime.

A Turbulent Life.

The De Valles have lived a very turbulent life and have often been in trouble. De Valle frequently went on a drunken debauch for days at a time and his wife and children on many occasions have been driven by him from the house and compelled to seek refuge with the neighbors and at times the woman has even been obliged to sleep in a haystack. Recently she left her husband and lived for a short time in San Jose with a young man by the name of Joseph Souza. Last Sunday De Valle and Souza met in Irvington and had a fight, Souza being cut in the face by De Valle.

Kicks Wife from House.

On Monday night De Valle kicked his wife out of the house and she slept in a haystack. Tuesday night De Valle and a number of friends were having a drunken debauch and late in the night after they had gone to bed the woman decided to go to the house to sleep and finding De Valle in a drunken stupor, became seized with the mania to end her troubles, procured a pistol which she had been given by Souza and which she had secreted under the house, and lighting a match deliberately shot her husband to death. She then procured a pistol out of his trunk and placed it near hoping to give color to a theory of suicide.

The confession of the woman tells its own dreadful story. This is her story as told to Deputy Sheriff Vandervoort and other officers of the county:

"Heaven knows what I have suffered during all these years," said Mrs. De Valle. "My husband has abused me cursed me and beaten me. I could stand it no longer and I filed

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SCHOOL GROUNDS TO BE IMPROVED

NILES TRUSTEES ADVANCE THE SALARY OF ASSISTANT TEACHERS.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Niles school Thursday it was decided to improve the school grounds considerably during the coming year. A lawn will be put in, sidewalks will be laid, and two new entrances will be made.

The trustees have also raised the salary of each of the assistant teachers. Two of the assistants now receive \$900 a year and four receive \$840. The Principal receives \$1520.

The following is a list of the teachers in the Niles School.

- F. M. Vincent, Principal.
- Miss Taylor, Music.
- Miss Winnie Hunt.
- Miss Helen Baldwin.
- Miss Ella Lowrie.
- Miss Mae Borges.
- Miss Mary Keller.
- Miss Stella Gordon.

One more class room is to be fitted up before the opening of the new term. School will open August 18.

THE EAST SIDE OF THE BAY WILL GROW SMALLER RATHER THAN LARGER.

What the Army Board Reported.

The United States Army Board of Engineers after studying all the data presented by the Spring Valley as well as the City of San Francisco had this to say of the Niles Cone water supply.

"While it is possible that some additional water can be obtained by extending the surface system and by developing existing or boring new wells, it is evident THAT THE PRESENT SOURCES OF SUPPLY ARE NEAR THE LIMIT OF DEVELOPMENT. ANY CONSIDERABLE EXTENSION OF THE well system, such as the Niles Cone, would doubtless so injure agriculture, as to PREVENT ITS BEING PERMITTED. Furthermore the use of water originating so near large communities MAY SOME DAY PROVE INADVISABLE."

THE MORE THIS SCHEME IS LOOKED INTO THE WORSE IT LOOKS FOR THOSE WHO ARE PROMOTING IT.

PRISON REFORM AT THE MOVIES

ED MORRELL WILL GIVE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE IN NILES TUESDAY NIGHT.

On next Tuesday evening Ed. Morrell, who was at one time the youngest member of the notorious Evans-Sontag gang of train robbers and who served sixteen years in prison, will lecture at the Edison Company Moving Picture theater in Niles next Tuesday evening. His subject will be Prison Reform. The lecture will be illustrated by slides.

Morrell spent five years of his prison life in solitary confinement where he learned to read and write. Having mastered these subjects, he turned philosopher and determined that when he gained his liberty he would devote the remainder of his life to the uplift of unfortunates.

The picture program for the coming week is as follows:

Saturday, Niles, Sunday matinee at Mission San Jose, and Sunday night at Decoto:

Lubin—Silent Signal.

Kalem—Red Wing and Pale Face.

Selig—Atala.

Vitagraph—Timid May.

Sunday, July 20 at Newark and Saturday, tonight, at Centerville:

Essanay—Boss of the Katy Mine.

Kalem—(a) The Landlubber. (b) Strong Arm Willie.

Lubin—Good for Nothing.

Biograph—The Informer.

Monday, July 21 at Niles, Tuesday at Alvarado, Wednesday at Centerville, Thursday at Mission San Jose.

Vitagraph—The Dawning. In two reels.

Lubin—The Surgeon.

Selig—Miss Aubry's Love Affair.

Monday, July 21, at Irvington, Wednesday at Niles, Thursday at Newark.

Vitagraph—Omens of the Mesa.

Biograph—A Sailor's Heart.

Lubin—The Samaritan of Croghan's Tenement.

Selig—Rope In.

Friday, July 25, at Niles, Saturday at Centerville, Sunday matinee at Mission San Jose and Sunday night at Newark:

Essanay—Western Girls.

Kalem—Battle of Wits.

Vitagraph—In the Flat Above.

Lubin—Satin and Gingham.

Friday, July 25 at Irvington, Saturday at Niles, Sunday at Decoto:

Kalem—Moyer from Ireland.

Pathe—The Three Bachelor's Turkey.

Selig—The Triangle.

Vitagraph—(a) Three Girls and a Man. (b) Eavesdropper.

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JOHNSON AND HENEY

THE PRESS favors the renomination and reelection of Hiram W. Johnson for governor for just two reasons. 1. He has made good to the people of California. 2. The many fundamental reforms inaugurated under his administration should be further developed and carried out under his leadership for the benefit of the people of California.

In taking this view the Press cannot be accused of being biased because of favors received.

While we refused to follow the Governor into the Roosevelt camp we have always asserted that regardless of any personal relation we would support him as Governor. He deserves the support of every citizen who believes in the rule of the people and in a just government for all the people regardless of their division into factions or classes. Because he has made good and because more good can be accomplished in another four years under his experienced and safe administration we hope he will consent to be a candidate for reelection and also that he will be reelected.

Along with Johnson in the State we favor Francis J. Heney as a candidate for United States Senator. Under the changed and changing conditions in the nation, Heney is just the man to represent California at Washington. Heney would, if elected, at once become a very strong factor in the United States. With a national reputation for aggressive honesty and fidelity to the conception of government should be the means by which humanity's happiness is promoted he will at once take his place in the senate by the side of such men as Robert M. La Follette. In the working out of the great constructive reforms in the nation, Heney will be reliable, able, and persevering.

Five years ago he could not be understood for the standard which he then set was so unusual that his sincerity was doubted. It is not so any longer. The rapid march of events in the past few years has given Heney his proper setting. The times today are more in accord with the Heney of five years ago. His ideas then are our policies now.

California would be honored with Francis J. Heney in the United States Senate. The State and nation both would be well served for "service to mankind" at whatever cost is the guiding principle of Heney's life.

The election of Heney to the Senate and the reelection of Johnson as governor will not only prevent a backward step by the people of the State but it will be a notice to the nation that we have become permanently a progressive state in which the welfare of humanity is our highest aim.

THE TEACHERS PENSION BILL

UNDER the new Teachers Pension act signed by Governor Johnson a teacher who has taught 30 years, 15 of which have been in California including the last ten immediately preceding retirement, may retire on a pension of \$500 a year.

The law also provides for the enforced retirement of a teacher after at least fifteen years service in this state on account of physical or mental infirmity, with a pro rata of the pension as the number of years of service bears to thirty years.

The money for the fund is derived from monthly contributions by the teachers, a part of the money derived from inheritance taxes, and moneys obtained from gifts, legacies, etc.

Application for retirement must be made within two years of the last month of service. Teachers who enter the service this year are each required to contribute one dollar toward the pension fund. The law expects each teacher to contribute at least \$360 to the fund before retirement.

There is apparently one feature of the law which is working an injustice and that is where a person has taught for many years even up to thirty but has retired more than two years before the law goes into operation. The law apparently shuts such a person out.

SHOULD REFUSE TO CALL ELECTION

IT IS a moral certainty even if the District Attorney's office does not pass on the constitutionality of the water district law under which the Oakland city administration is trying to force an election, that the law will be tested in the courts. If the law should be declared unconstitutional then the \$30,000 which the election would cost would be entirely wasted. It would seem that there might be some way discovered to escape this risk of the loss of so much of the taxpayer's money in a futile election. Why not find a way to test the constitutionality of the law before the election is held? It may delay the formation of the district somewhat but even this won't take any water out of the ground. The Supervisors would be justified in refusing to call the election until the constitutionality of the law was determined.

Besides, it doesn't seem fair that the people of Washington township should be compelled to spend their money to test the law when there are paid officials in the county and in the city of Oakland who could easily force the test without extra expense.

WHAT WILSON HAS DONE

From The Stockton Record of July 10, 1913.

TAKING for his text "Woodrow Wilson and the New Freedom" William E. Smythe delivered a really interesting address at Monte Vista park, near Los Angeles, yesterday. Referring directly to the President and his achievements the first four months of his administration, the speaker said:

"President Wilson does not believe that private monopoly is the legitimate child of competition. He believes it to be the illegitimate child of lawless greed and a system of privilege and exemption. And he believes that before the American people own anything else they ought to own their government.

"His first act after his election was to notify the men who manipulate money and credit that if they dared to bring on an artificial panic he would provide them with a gibbet higher than Haman's. He told the Chicago bankers that he would not indict their system of doing business, because it was already convicted.

"He met the first signs of panic in Wall Street with the announcement that he would flood the country with paper money, as under the law he has the right to do, so that the needs of business and development should not be denied. Wall Street came down like Davy Crockett's famous coon.

"He has fought without compromise for tariff and currency reform, and for the annihilation of the insidious lobby maintained at Washington in the interest of special privilege.

"He is making the railroad combination unmerge in good faith, in order that there may be competition and development, and the shrinkage in stock values, of which we hear so much, is the best evidence of his sincerity in letting the water out of those over irrigated securities.

"He delivered China, so far as the influence of the United States could do it, from the scheme of heartless exploitation embodied in the six-power loan.

"Four months is a very brief time in the history of a nation, yet the emancipation of business and the creation of a new freedom among the people has been well begun.

"Fear of panic has largely disappeared, because everybody now sees that the biggest thing in America is Uncle Sam himself, and that the gentleman who speaks for Uncle Sam at this time knows how to use the power of the government where it will do the most good."

This is an excellent summary of the President's achievements, and if he succeeds in securing the passage of the Underwood tariff reform and currency measures within the next sixty days, the expedition with which he has moved will add further to his administration's prestige and vigor.

BONDS OR DIRECT TAX, WHICH?

THERE ARE apparently two factions in the county already on the question of building a new county infirmary.

Some time ago the Tax Association officials favored a bond issue but recently have switched to a direct tax. The necessity for issuing more bonds in the city of Oakland and the proposed water district scheme with its bond issue in the background have evidently brought about a change of heart and now the Tax Association people are advising the building of the county infirmary by piecemeal by direct taxation.

On the other hand the Alameda County Civic Association has favored a bond issue all along and still favors it. It also favors building it on its present site. The idea of a bond issue seems to be the prevailing one and so far as the "cow end" of the county is concerned will be heartily supported.

THE REEFENDUM is to be applied to the new State water commission bill as well as the red light and the blue sky law. The big power and water companies are said to be fathering this last referendum. Several initiative measure are in the process of incubation and it looks as if the Governor will have to call a special election to clear the board.

SOME OF our progressive friends, notably the Oakland Enquirer and the Fresno Republican are trying to belittle the speech of President Wilson at Gettysburg. The president really said some fine things, in fact it was much superior to anything Teddy has said since his return from Africa.

IT IS NOW some two months since the Niles Carnival was held and the public generally are anxious to learn how much was made for the Restoration fund. Being a public enterprise a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures should be published.

THE PRESENCE of so many cases of typhoid fever at Irvington and Mission San Jose ought to be thoroughly investigated.

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\$3.00 Hats	\$2.00	\$2.50 Hats	\$1.65
\$2.50 Hats	\$1.75	\$3.00 Hats	\$2.00
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Newark.

The James Graham Manufacturing Co. shipped three carloads of stoves from their foundry here this week. Their plant is a busy place this season.

Clarence Graham who has been on a six weeks trip to the east is expected home in a few days. Charles Cockefair has been in charge of the foundry during Mr. Graham's absence.

The Newark Lumber Co. has just completed a large order for a building at Modesto. Their planing mill is kept busy with work. Their orders are coming from a wide range of territory.

A delegation of Newark sports took in the Alameda County Game Protective Association meeting at Livermore last Sunday. Those in the party were W. W. Wyatt, Charles Cockefair, J. H. Hafner, George Wales, Louis Ruchlin and Proctor Steinhoff.

Mrs. Boles and mother Mrs. R. W. Craig of San Jose were on a visit to Mrs. Boles' daughter Mrs. J. Sattler of San Francisco this week. Mr. and Mrs. Sattler expect to leave soon on a visit to relatives in Illinois and while east Mr. Sattler will attend to business for the company for which he is working.

J. Spencer spent Saturday and Sunday at Mt. Hermon in Santa Cruz Co.

Some one evidently in need of a way to get out of Newark appropriated two of Del Snow's saddle horses one night this week. The horses were later found at Decoto

Miss Daisy Moore and her mother Mrs. R. A. Moore left Thursday for a two weeks stay at Mt. Hermon. Mr. Moore who has been quite sick is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown spent several days last week in Oakland.

Mrs. B. Jordan entertained friends from San Jose over Sunday at the Brown home. She returned to her home in Livermore this week.

Mrs. S. Frank Brown and son are enjoying a stay at Mt. Hermon. Mrs. Brown has been much improved by the change following her recent illness.

Decoto

Homer Whipple this week joined the navy having signed up for a four years course.

Miss Margaret Kenyon of Fresno arrived in Decoto on Thursday and will spend a month at the Whipple home, the guest of Miss Dorris Whipple.

Miss Eleanor Whipple and niece Miss Isobel Whipple left this week for a week's stay at Lake Tahoe.

MARVELOUS CURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE BRO. BENJAMIN MARVELOUS SPECIALISTS. ONE WEEK MORE.

Over 75 Gall Stones Removed From W. C. Morris, a Well Known Resident of Niles.

Over 50 Gall Stones Removed From Mrs. C. M. Butts, an Old Resident of Niles.



BENJAMIN.

Bro. Benjamin and the Marvelous Specialists are greeted every night by large and enthusiastic crowds of our best citizens. Every night the show grounds opposite the Library Building in Niles, have been crowded by a delighted public. The offices in the Niles Hotel are visited daily by increasing streams of people, who come from far and wide to consult these wonderful specialists about sickness and disease.

Wednesday over 75 Gall Stones were removed from W. C. Morris, known to everybody as Barlow Morris, a well known resident of Niles. Mr. Morris had been ailing 8 to 10 years. The Bro. Benjamin Marvelous Specialists, removed the gall stones, the real cause of his trouble, without an operation with their secret European medicines.

From Mrs. C. M. Butts, old resident and living on 3rd St. Niles, ailing 2 years, these specialists removed over 50 Gall Stones with their secret medicines—and no operation.

Mr. James McAfee, of Lodi, was cured of a bad rupture by the Bro. Benjamin Specialists over 12 years ago and remains cured to this day.

Wednesday a large monster parasite over 100 feet in length was removed from a leading lady of this vicinity. Thursday a cancer was removed and is on exhibition at the concert grounds every night.

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The company remains here one more week, and owing to the almost universal demand, the offices of the Medical Specialists in the Niles Hotel, will remain open for the same length of time. Hours, 10 to 12 mornings, and 2 to 4 afternoons. A nominal charge of \$1 is made to keep out curiosity seekers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trask entertained Mr. and Mrs. Barber of Hayward Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Searles entertained at a dinner party on Thursday in honor of Mr. Searles' birthday.

Mrs. H. C. Johnson of Sacramento left for her home on Wednesday after a two weeks stay at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Whipple.

Mrs. Rebert Lee Rose of San Mateo has been a guest at the Whipple home.

Alvarado

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gowit who were married last week stopped over in Alvarado Wednesday with Mrs. Gowit's sister, Mrs. Ford. They were married in Placerville, El Dorado Co. last Sunday and will extend their wedding tour to Los Angeles.

Russell Robie is spending a vacation of ten days at Healdsburg and vicinity.

Mrs. E. L. Farley and daughter Beryl will spend next week at Santa Cruz.

Joe Flores and Albert Peake are enjoying their vacation at the famous seaside resort. Mr. and Mrs. Tainton and Mr. G. A. Mansfield are also there.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harvey and son Ted accompanied by T. E. McCarty returned Saturday from an auto trip in the famous Feather River County. They went as far as Quincy in Plumas County and returned by way of Truckee and the old Emigrant Gap route through Placer county.

The Alvarado Rebekah lodge will hold their regular installation next Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartz of Oakland have moved into one of the Smith cottages. Mr. Hartz has taken a position with the Adameda Sugar Co.

Mrs. J. Ralph, Miss Maud McCarty and Miss Annie Lowrie spent last Saturday in San Francisco.

J. H. Ralph and Arthur Dees were in the city Tuesday on business.

Mrs. W. Wright and Mrs. H. J. Kaiser from Richmond visited friends in Alvarado last week.

Mr. C. H. Schoff left the last of this week for Davis where he will make his home with his son, Dr. C. H. Schoff Jr.

A delegation of twenty Alvarado people attended the S. P. R. S. I. convention at San Leandro last Monday. They represented Alvarado Council No. 21 and carried the handsome banner of the council in the parade.

Mrs. Graham of Oakland is visiting Mrs. G. A. Mansfield.

Miss Millie Nauert was a visitor in San Francisco Tuesday.

Miss Catherine Smith of San Francisco is visiting her grandmother Mrs. Smith.

George Rose is laid up this week with an injured wrist received while cranking a machine in Ralph & Scribner's store.

Mrs. C. T. Lang and family returned Sunday after a week's visit with Mrs. Lang's mother in Fruitvale.

Mr. and Mrs. Robie spent Sunday in Newark.

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Arthur T. Biddle, Secty.

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FRANK CRANE, V. G.
J. E. JACOBUS, Secty.

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Niles Notes

Mrs. Joliff is entertaining her sisters Mrs. D. V. Zanker of Alviso and Mrs. A. J. Gray of British Columbia this week.

Miss Collyer of Oakland is a guest at the Borges home.

Miss Marie Sharpe left Saturday for a two weeks stay in Santa Cruz where she is the guest of her cousin Mrs. Middour.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Orpin and children Miss Audrey and Master Percy are enjoying a two weeks trip to San Diego.

Mrs. W. B. Jones of San Diego was the guest of her cousin Mrs. C. Runckel and family this week. Mrs. Jones is enroute to Tahoe for a month's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Easterday and Mrs. A. J. Sampson spent a few days in Santa Cruz this week.

Mrs. J. E. Jacobus has returned from a two weeks stay at Santa Cruz.

Mrs. J. Crothers nee Olive Brown returned last week to her home in Eureka after a month's visit with relatives and friends in the township.

Mrs. Carrie M. Ward of Berkeley spent two days last week with friends in Niles.

Captain and Mrs. Nelson of Alameda, parents of Mrs. J. A. Bunting, Jr., are guests at the Belvoir.

Mr. H. A. Mayhew made a business trip to San Jose Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Schofield is at Santa Clara where she will be the weekend guest of friends and will attend a meeting of the San Jose Woman's Club of which she is president and which meets this month in Santa Clara.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosher spent the weekend with their son and family in Oakland.

Word has been received from Mr. M. Bechtel who is traveling in Europe that he has reached Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeidler and little daughter leave next week for their new home in Campbell where Mr. Zeidler will become a member of the faculty of the Campbell High School. It is certainly to be regretted that the community is to lose them both as members of the community and Mr. Zeidler as a member of the High School force.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Padgett of the Essanay Co. have been laid up this week owing to accidents. Mrs. Padgett had the misfortune to step on a piece of glass causing a very troublesome wound on her foot and Mr. Padgett was thrown from his horse and kicked in the head. Luckily the horse did not strike the temple.

The weather has continued warm but not so uncomfortable as last week. The thermometer registered in the 90's this week.

Richard Hunt has given up the work in Berkeley to take a position in the Fresno High School. He has been elected a member of the faculty and will have charge of the commercial and athletic departments under Mr. Liddeke former principal of Union High of Centerville.

Mrs. Nevis and children are guests of relatives in San Leandro this week.

Mrs. Martin and children Lorain, Bernice, Alitha, and Garland are visiting Mrs. Martin's parents Mr. and Mrs. Calihan.

Miss Helen Murphy and aunt Mrs. Turner of Mission San Jose spent Thursday in the City.

Miss Consuelo Howard of San Francisco is at the Belvoir and will remain for some time.

The apricot crop is in full harvest. Some crops are very good while other crops have been affected by the dry season.

H. R. Hunt has put in a splen-

Irvington

Miss Francis Peters spent the weekend in Oakland and the City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Threffall came down from Modesto to attend the funeral of their niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Brewer and children are out for a month in their auto and will visit Pacific Grove, La Honda, Kings City and other resorts.

Mrs. Ed. Roderick visited in Niles on Tuesday.

The children who are suffering from typhoid are getting along nicely if no complications set in.

Miss Pauline Mattos is enjoying a month's vacation from her duties at the Ed. Hirsch store. She is spending the time at San Rafael with relatives.

Miss Mary Lutz who is a member of the Chicago Ladies' Orchestra will arrive in Irvington the first of the week to remain with her parents for two months.

The Rear house and winery on the road between Irvington and Mission San Jose was totally destroyed on Wednesday night by fire. The loss is a very heavy one.

Dr. Durham and family are enjoying an outing at Santa Cruz.

Bert Cook has bought an Indian motorbike through Sumner Blacow who has the agency.

Sumner Blacow on a motorcycle and Joe Holdener in his auto narrowly averted a collision this week when each saw the other in time to steer away with the result that the Robert Irvine fence was somewhat damaged by the Blacow motor and the auto was also damaged but both riders escaped without injury.

Miss Rene Roderick will spend the month in Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Al Hirsch and little daughter were in Oakland Sunday.

TENTH DIVIDEND FOR CENTERVILLE BANK

The Bank of Centerville declared semi-annual dividend No. 10 of \$3 per share at the annual meeting of stockholders, held on the 5th inst. The bank showed a healthy increase since the last meeting, having assets now of over \$700,000. The same Board of Directors was re-elected.

WILL BUILD TO SAN JOSE.

It is almost certain that the Western Pacific will soon begin the extension of a branch line from Niles to San Jose. The new president Mr. Bush mentions this as one of the first feeders to be built.

did irrigation plant on his place at quite a heavy expense.

Mrs. Fred Nelson spent Tuesday in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Whitfield and family of Mission San Jose were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and family.

Mrs. Walter Richards and son were in the city Monday.

Mr. Ellis returned from his trip to Auburn Thursday of this week.

Mr. L. C. Scott spent Thursday in Livermore.

Mrs. Runckel and children and Mrs. Cadwallader leave the first of August for Berkeley where they will remain for the college year. C. Runckel, Jr., entering the University of California. Chris graduated with the class of 1912, and has spent the past year in the office of The Washington Press.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hamilton of Modesto were guests on Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson.

Miss Francis Peters of Irvington visited in Niles Monday.

Mr. E. D. Balwin is at home for a two weeks vacation.

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Centerville

Miss Dorothy Smith is visiting relatives in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. M. Steeley and Miss Eva Steeley are visiting in San Francisco.

J. P. Rose and family formerly of Centerville, now residents of Santa Rosa, have been visiting friends in town during the past week.

Miss Blanch Spurbeck left Friday to spend a few weeks in Rionido.

Miss Efa M. Steel expects to take a trip to San Andraes, Calaveras County, Cal.

The Washington Parler 169, N. S. G. W. has decided to take part in the Admission Day parade in Oakland. The officers will be installed July 22 by District Deputy Grand President Ducher of Livermore. An Admission Day Booster Committee of Oakland will be present. After the ceremonies a banquet will take place at the Gregory House.

Miss Ina Bell is expected home Saturday from San Jose where she has been spending her vacation.

Miss Mary Bernardo spent the week in San Leandro where she attended the Grand Lodge of the S. P. R. S. I. Miss Bernardo was elected Grand Marshall.

Kenneth Hawley returned Sunday from Ben Lomond where he has been the past two weeks.

MISSION PEAK LODGE CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mission Peak Lodge, No. 114, I. O. O. F. at Irvington celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at the regular meeting, Wednesday, July 2. An elaborate banquet was served which was attended by Odd Fellows from all over the township.

B. C. Mickle of Centerville acted as toastmaster and speeches were made by many of the brothers. The most interesting speech of the evening was made by W. H. Cockefair, the sturdy old pioneer member of Crusade Lodge, who was present at the institution of Mission Peak Lodge. His reminiscences of the times and the men made his talk of peculiar interest.

PRESS CLUB AT PALMDALE ON SUNDAY

The San Francisco Press Club will be entertained by Henry Lachman on Sunday at Palmdale. There will be about 150 people in the party. They will come out in sight seeing cars and will stop on their way at Niles to visit the Essanay Film Company's plant. At Palmdale they will be re-

DEATH OF PAULINE HORN

Miss Pauline Horn who had been suffering from typhoid fever for the past month, passed away at the home of her parents on Monday night and was laid to rest Wednesday afternoon in the Irvington cemetery. The funeral was largely attended and the many beautiful flowers were a sweet message of sympathy to the sorrowing parents and relatives and silent tokens of love and esteem for the one taken away.

Pauline was a sweet girl whose life gave promise of usefulness. She was in her fifteenth year and was a graduate of this year's class of the Irvington grammar school.

It is indeed hard for the parents to lay away their dear one in the bloom of youth and the question of why is one that humanity can not answer. God in his wisdom and mercy knoweth all things best.

RESIGNS AS HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEE

W. D. Patterson this week resigned his office as high school trustee. Mr. Patterson expects to make a trip to Europe with his family later in the year and will also visit Alaska and feels that he is not able to give the office of trustee the attention it deserves. Henry May of Decoto has been appointed his successor. The appointment of Mr. May will give general satisfaction throughout the township.

The annual meeting of the High School Board of Trustees took place last Saturday. F. T. Hawes was unanimously reelected president and A. T. Biddle secretary. The same corps of teachers were elected with the exception of R. Zeidler whose place is to be taken by Mr. Case of Berkeley.

CRUSADE LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Crusade Lodge, of Odd Fellows, of Alvarado, held their semi-annual installation of officers last Saturday evening, Deputy Grand Master Sawyer of Hayward Lodge officiating.

The following officers were installed:
Chris Huglin, P. G.
Fred Hafen, N. G.
John Clegg, V. G.
W. H. Cockefair, Rec. Sec.
E. A. Richmond, Fin. Sec.
Henry Hendrickson, Treas.
O. J. Emery, R. S. N. G.
D. Lowrie, L. S. N. G.
Ernest Lang, R. S. V. G.
Arthur Vanderpeer, I. G.
Edw. Hawley, O. G.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the lodge enjoyed one of its delightful banquets for which the lodge is famous.

galed with one of Mr. Lachman's famous barbecues.

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