

SEARCHING FOR VAST SUM OF SECURITIES

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Jan. 7.—Three million dollars worth of securities, believed to be hidden in the walls of the Walker home at San Mateo, were the object of a search which it was announced would be made today by attorneys representing the contestants of the will of the late David F. Walker.

Two known safe deposit vaults in the Walker home will be opened by Carl W. Elving, special administrator of the Walker estate, in a search for the missing securities, but the hunt will not end there. Attorney Walter Linforth said he believes there are hidden passages and hiding places in the masonry of the house and he will attempt to find them.

Linforth's announcement was made at the hearing of the Walker case in Judge Buck's court after the examination of John E. Bennett, legal adviser and confidante of Mrs. Walker.

The securities, knowledge of which Mrs. Althea Walker and her son, Clarence, deny, are said by Utah heirs of the late financier to consist of 100,000 shares of Western Pacific railroad stock.

GOVERNMENT TO BUILD GREAT IRRIGATION PLANT

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 7.—From a reliable source it was learned today that a gigantic irrigation project to water a large amount of land on the west side of the San Joaquin valley is contemplated by the government.

Officials of the United States hydrographic survey are here and it is said they are gathering data on the project.

FORTUNE WAITS FOR MISSING WOMAN

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—Isabella V. Olsen and Anna V. Olsen, two young women who came out to the coast to seek their fortune and probably located in Seattle or Portland, are wanted. They have a fortune waiting for them back in Baltimore, S. D. The girls may be known as Belle Dahlen and Annie Dahlen, according to their uncle, Peter P. Olsen, who is here from Dakota seeking for the missing sisters. Olsen is a wealthy rancher and seeks his nieces to turn over to them all his worldly possessions before he dies. If he does not find them he will leave his fortune to charitable institutions, he says.

K. OF P. WILL HOLD BANQUET ON MONDAY

The Ashland members of the order of Knights of Pythias will take possession of the order's headquarters here next Monday evening in order to initiate a group of candidates for the lodge's third degree.

All the local knights will be present and a banquet will be served following the festivities.

CAPTAINS HELD BLAMELESS FOR STEAMER COLLISION

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—The United States maritime inspectors have finished their investigation of the sinking of the steamer Kitsap by the steamer Indianapolis in Seattle harbor and today the report was made public. Captain Hanson, master of the sunken Kitsap, and Captain Eastis are both held blameless for the collision. The two ships crashed in the fog and the Kitsap sank in a few minutes. All of her passengers were transferred to the Indianapolis and returned to Seattle in safety.

The owners of the Kitsap have brought suit against the Indianapolis for \$45,000.

POPULATION GIVEN NORTHWEST TOWNS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—The census bureau today announced the population of the following towns:

Brewster, Wash., 12,256; Conconully, Wash., 357; Oroville, Wash., 495; Twist, Wash., 257; Kingsbury, Cal., 1634.

MANY LIBEL SUITS FOLLOW ELECTIONS

LONDON, Jan. 7.—To the several libel suits that have already grown out of the recent English elections, it is reported that two others, involving the Duke of Marlborough and William Waldorf Astor, may be added. No action has yet been taken by either of them, but it is rumored that they are considering the question. Reynolds's News Bureau, a liberal organ, is the publication they are said to contemplate proceedings against.

A paragraph by Spencer Leigh Hughes, a liberal member of parliament, in Reynolds's paper, is the offense which it is predicted will find its way into the courts. Referring to the efforts the Tories made to create sentiment against the liberals by the cry of "American dollars," he said:

"This was tried in my constituency but a deplorable lack of humor was revealed when those who denounced American dollars brought down the Duke of Marlborough, of all men, to help them. Nor was this the only lack of humor, for the party which reviled American dollars has returned to the house of commons Mr. Waldorf Astor, an estimable multi-millionaire of New York."

Both the duke, who married Consuelo Vanderbilt, and Astor are said to feel that this article held them up to public ridicule.

BURNETT TO ATTEND MEET OF LEGISLATURE

R. T. Burnett, retired recorder of Jackson county, left for Ashland last night to attend the gathering of Shriners there. He will leave for Salem to attend the meeting of the state legislature on Monday.

To the Honest, Qualified Voters

As a candidate for the office of mayor of this fair city, I wish to make the following statement:

I entered this race at the earnest solicitation of my many friends and after careful deliberation on the matter. I am in the race to win, and believe that all honest men will vote for me at the principles I represent.

I believe that Medford should have the best officers that are possible to get—that men should be elected to fill office knowing that when they get those offices they will be required to fill them in a creditable manner. I believe that the interest of the many should be served instead of the interests of the few—that politics should not enter into a city government—that progress should be shown at all times and yet that expenses should be kept as low as possible—that the honest majority should rule at all times—that only those men properly fitted to fill certain offices should be appointed to those offices and that no graft should be allowed to enter into the city affairs at any time.

I am a republican—always have been one and will remain one for a long time I hope. I am running on an independent ticket in this election and have the assurance of a great many friends that I will be elected.

I have held several offices, and wherever I have been I have made good and can show a clean record. I can give to this city the kind of administration the majority of citizens would desire.

I do not hang around the saloons—do not cater to them. Still I believe that if the majority should express a wish to see them continued, I will do nothing to hinder them as long as they keep strictly within the law. If any should violate the law I will do all in my power to see that they are punished, and if they persist in violating the law I will strive to see that their licenses are revoked.

I believe that I can fill the office of mayor in a most creditable manner—that I can save the city money—that I can insure more harmony—that there will be less cause for dissatisfaction than ever before—that every interest that deserves to be served will be served in the very best manner.

I am not pledged to prohibitionists or saloons, to cliques or interests of any kind and have no friends who are seeking office.

My only object in running for the office of mayor is this—I wish to see that the city government is run as it should be run. There is but one way to run this city, and that is on the square. Can anyone state that it has ever been run that way? Hasn't it been run more for the special interests than for the interests of all? Haven't one class of citizens been favored while the other and many times better class been ignored? Who are the real rulers of this city? The people should rule, and if I am elected I will do all in my power to see that the people do rule. If you want the people to rule you, you should vote for me.

Will Appoint Advisory Board.

If elected to the office of mayor, I propose to appoint an advisory board, which will consist of at least seven representative citizens. Before appointing anyone to office I will call a meeting of this advisory board and consult with them as to who is the best fitted to hold the several offices. I may not always know who is the best for the offices to be filled, and by advising with representative citizens I am sure to recommend the best men. In this way I will be compelled to go according to the wishes of the people and will not be running a one-man affair or dealing out appointments to friends or relations. Not that I do not feel capable of choosing the right man, but that the people may be sure that everything is being done for their best interests.

Respectfully,
E. F. A. BITTNER.

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There are also about 12 acres in standard varieties of peaches, in full bearing. About 8000 crates of peaches were shipped from this orchard last year.

There are also 8 acres planted to Newtown apples, which were three years old this winter.

The balance of the land is cleared and was in grain last year.

The buildings consist of a house, barn and packing house.


We think a reasonable estimate of the crop on this place this coming year would be 3000 to 4000 boxes of apples and 6000 to 8000 crates of peaches.

A team of horses and a full equipment of machinery goes with the place.

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