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STOCKHOLDERS OF COLUMBIA GET NOTICES

Asked to Get Certificates in Shape to Effect Exchange with U. S. Steel

Stockholders of the Columbia Steel Corporation stock were given instructions this week to get their holdings in shape to effect an exchange of Columbia stock for shares in the United States Steel Corporation in a notice received this week by stockholders in Torrance.

The exchange will be made at the ratio of one share of U. S. Steel for each eleven and three-quarters shares of Columbia, to all stockholders as of record in January, 1930. The notice to Columbia stockholders follows:

"Columbia Steel Corporation
215 Market Street, San Francisco

TO THE COMMON STOCKHOLDERS OF COLUMBIA STEEL CORPORATION:

As you have undoubtedly seen in the public prints, Columbia Steel Corporation, subject to the approval of stockholders at a meeting to be held in January, 1930, has agreed to sell its entire assets and business to United States Steel Corporation for common stock of the latter corporation to be issued at the rate of one share of United States Steel Corporation common stock for each eleven and three-quarters shares of Columbia Steel Corporation common stock outstanding.

In the case of practically every stockholder, division of the number of shares held by 11.75 would result in stockholders becoming entitled to fractional shares of United States Steel Corporation stock. That corporation, however, will not issue certificates for fractional shares. Consequently each stockholder should see to it that at the time of distribution of the United States Steel Corporation stock he will be entitled to a whole number of shares of such stock. This can most readily be accomplished by each stockholder arranging to hold at that time a number of shares of common stock equally divisible by 47 (4 times 11.75). It is recommended that each stockholder divide the number of shares he now holds by 47 and that he either sell any excess number of shares of Columbia Steel Corporation common stock over and above a number equally divisible by 47, or that he purchase enough common shares to make his holding equally divisible by 47. This is a matter of real importance which should be attended to at once, as failure to take care of it will result in some very awkward situations.

It is also important that before the date of distribution the stock owned by you should all stand of record in your name. Consequently you should promptly take steps to accomplish this.

November 21, 1929.

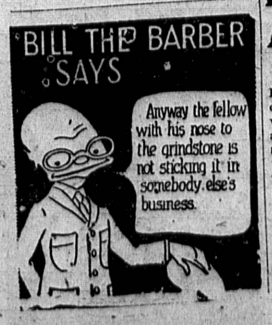
COLUMBIA STEEL CORP.,
By Louis Sloss, Jr.,
Secretary."

Record Crowd Of Young Folks At M. E. Church

Over 200 attended the Epworth League services at the Methodist church last Sunday evening to hear Dr. A. Ray Moore talk. It is reputed to be the largest crowd that has ever attended a service of that type in Torrance.

Dr. Moore also preached to a packed church for the regular church service Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lockwood of Pasadena were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Whyte of Post avenue.



WILL BEAUTIFY WESTERN AVE. APPROACH

Garden Club Assured of Help From City and Chamber of Commerce

Work on the cleaning up of the Western avenue entrance to Torrance is to begin in the near future, announced Chairman V. L. Maxfield yesterday. Mr. Maxfield heads a special committee composed of Torrance District Garden club members that is making an effort to do away with the unsightly spots in town.

Mayor John Dennis assured the committee of the sincere co-operation of the city of Torrance in this work and Carl Hyde of the Chamber of Commerce pledged the aid of that organization.

Plans are to remove the dead trees in the Pacific Electric right-of-way and clean out the brush. After this is done, California poppies and wildflowers will be planted in the area by Garden club members. $20 has been donated by the Chamber of Commerce towards buying poppy seed for this and other projects.

Due to plans for widening El Prado more trees will not be planted in the space this year, but it is hoped to make a conspicuous showing of the Torrance official shrub when it is chosen.

TRAVELS IN SIX STATES, TO BE TAGGED HERE

Battered Wreck of Car With Sleepy Driver Picked Up in Torrance

Behold the efficiency of your police department. Torrance residents! A battered wreck of a light touring car, vintage of the gay '90's—nearly—was picked up in Torrance after it had travelled through the following states: Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California, without license plates or registration certificate.

Its driver, Fred Kinball, 26, who hails from Ottowa, Kansas, had no operator's license.

The car, whose ancient and battered bones have obviously hit most of the rough spots during its life, with its sleeping driver, was picked up on Cedar street one night last week by Officers Edwards and Schumacher, and was brought to the local station, where it is being held until Kinball provides adequate identification.

Kinball stated that he was not stopped in the states he travelled through, which rather hangs a couple of imaginary blue ribbons on the lapels of Officers Edwards and Schumacher.

ROOF FALLS WITH SIX MEN

New Galvanized Iron Structure on Border Avenue Is Damaged

Men working on the construction of a galvanized iron building on Border avenue narrowly escaped injury last Friday afternoon when the roof of the building gave way and the six men on top of it were plunged to the ground.

O. B. Hamilton, 24448 Ward street, Walteria, sustained a sprained wrist and C. E. Ward, C. O. Wise, B. J. Wiemelly and the two King boys, who were also on the roof, were unhurt.

Several men were beneath the roof when it started to fall, but it came down in such a way that they were not struck.

The building is being erected by P. O. Guy, contractor, for F. L. Parks.

PLAN BIG MAP AT CITY HALL

Times have changed at the City Hall! Over the weekend, the long counter was scraped, cleaned and varnished, and now presents quite a different view than did the old musty looking one of former days.

It is said that the big change was made for a large house numbering map which will extend nearly the full length of the 16 foot counter. The map, which will be in three sections, will be protected by plate glass. City Engineer Leonard is now at work on it, and completion is expected in the near future.

RILEY WARNS OF SOARING STATE TAXES

Controller's Report Shows Increase of 20% Over Last Year

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 25—The total net cost of state government in California soared to a new high mark of $108,644,173.55 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, an increase of more than $18,000,000 over the preceding year.

This announcement was made today by State Controller Ray L. Riley in his annual cost of governmental expenditures for the last fiscal year, as opposed to the previous twelve months, showed:

Total Net Cost State Government	
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1929	$108,644,173.55
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1928	$89,866,787.05
Total Net Increase for the year	$ 18,777,386.50

"For the last five years," said Controller Riley's statement, "this office has annually published cost of government tabulations for the information of the general public and governmental officers.

"It is a challenging fact that during this period—since the first analysis was made by this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924—the annual cost of government in California has increased no less than $44,859,822.68.

"This is a gain of 70 per cent in five years, an amazing rate of increase when set down in comparison with the increase in property valuations during the same period, or when computed as against population gains. For the year just ended, the increase is more than 20 per cent over the preceding year. That, also, commands attention, for it is the present that gives us most vital concern.

"The question all California citizens must face, dispassionately without regard to partisan politics, is simply this: Can taxable property and the individual taxpayer carry the load?

"As controller it is my duty to lay the facts before the public. As a candidate for governor, I shall reserve the right of future comment on these tabulations."

The controller's comparative report of governmental costs by fiscal years since the beginning of his early tabulations, follows:

1924	$ 63,784,350.87
1925	76,631,297.91
1926	82,835,251.33
1927	87,597,756.25
1928	89,866,787.05
1929	108,644,173.55

RAINES PLANS TO BUY STOCK OF COLUMBIA

Twenty Thousand Shares Sold at Bargain to Official as Reward for Services

Sale of 20,000 shares of no par value of the Columbia Steel Corporation to F. L. Raines, vice president, at $9 per share has been authorized by the State Corporation Department.

While Raines is to receive the stock at $9, the common is now selling at around 14 and had a high for the year of 19¼. The sale of the stock is in accordance with an option the Columbia Steel gave Raines to buy all or any part of 20,000 shares at $9 within a period of three years. The option was granted on July 15, 1929.

It was given in consideration for services rendered the corporation by Raines during a period of readjustment when he assumed general manggership of the company and during the recent negotiations for sale of the company to the United States Steel Corporation. The option was exercised by Raines November 5.

The stock just acquired by Raines, together with the common stock outstanding as of June 30, 1929, will be acquired by United States Steel Corporation through an exchange of one share of the latter for 11¾ shares of the local company.

Approximately two-thirds of Columbia Steel common stock is held by a small group.

The preferred stock has been called for redemption January 1, 1930 and its bonds for payment on December 1, 1929.

Dissolution of Columbia Steel Corporation will follow as soon as possible thereafter.

Royal Neighbors Initiation Is to Be on Thurs.

Through an error in the Friday morning issue of the Torrance Herald, the date of the Royal Neighbors initiation was given as Tuesday, instead of Thursday, December 5th. A large class of candidates for degrees in the order will be initiated at Inglewood on December 5th. Mrs. Mamie Krichner, district deputy, will lead the degree team.

Initiation ceremonies will be held at 206½ North Market street, Inglewood. Those going will meet at the K. of C. hall at 7 p. m. and go in a body. Transportation will be provided for those wishing to go.

Officers are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. A. Phillips on Amapola avenue, December 4, at 2 p. m. for practice.

KEYSTONE HALL SCENE OF BIG GATHERING

Over 250 Served at Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Torrance Folks Attend.

With the get-together spirit predominating among members of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce, a Plunkett dinner was served to nearly 250 people and a splendid program given by Warner Bros. theatre, including acrobatic stunts, dancing, singing, etc. Dressed in white pants, white shirts and black bow ties, 12 men from the Keystone Chamber of Commerce made a striking picture, acting as waiters for the large assembly. The ways and means committee with Z. W. Jennings, Charles LeBoeuf and George Nahmens serving, and the entertainment committee for the November section, comprising Ray Berry, Mrs. George Nahmens and Mrs. Pernia Piper, the joint dinner and program was planned and proved to be a large success. Thomas A. Cowan, president of the chamber, greeted the guests and made several announcements, and Hugh Pomeroy, well known throughout Southern California, acted as toastmaster. Carl Hyde, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, introduced the guests from Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rufus Page, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Post, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dolley, R. F. Hogue, Alfred Gourdier, Grover C. Whyte, Irvin Sargeant, George LaPlante and Rev. John B. Speed. J. W. Weightman, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Wilmington; Captain P. J. Picherle, president of the Chamber; C. Henry Olsen, William Oakes and J. P. Puckett of Wilmington were introduced.

Frank Walton, for many years secretary of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce; W. L. Pollock who spoke on "Reapportionment of California"; Hugh Pomeroy, who spoke on the development of industry in Southern California; C. R. Compton, assistant engineer of the county sanitary commission; Frank O'Brien, who spoke on industries and manufacturing in the south; I. Weisblitz, president of the Weisblitz Investment Corporation; David Silverman, an executive of Warner Brothers Theatre; Arthur Jones and Lawrence Skeen, all were among the speakers of the evening. Mrs. George H. Koehler, leader of the Senior Girl Reserve group, spoke of the work being done by this group and introduced Leona Johnson, president of the

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"SURE! WE'RE HAVING TURKEY"

LEST WE FORGET

THANKSGIVING IN CHATTANOOGA

(Ed.—The following was written to the Chicago Journal in 1863 by Benjamin F. Taylor from the battlefield of Mission Ridge).

"The day after the battle was Thanksgiving, and we had services in Chattanooga—sad, solemn, grand. The church-bells hung dumb in their towers, indeed, and you shall know why in its time, but for all that, there were chimes so grand that men uncovered their heads as they heard them. At twelve o'clock the great guns at Fort Wood began to toll. 'Civilians said, "Can they be at it again?"—and soldiers said, "The guns are not shotted, and the sound is too regular for work." I hastened out to the Fort, and the guns chimed on. A dim impression I had received before brightening as I stood upon the parapet and looked over the scene. What it was like flashed upon me in a moment: the valley was a grand cathedral, Fort Wood the pulpit of the mighty minister, and far down the descending aisle in front rose Orchard Knob the altar. The dead were lying there, far out to the eastern wall, and God's chandelier hung high in the dome. They were the accents of praise I was hearing; thirty-four syllables of thanksgiving the guns were saying: "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever!" And the hills took up the anthem and struck sublimely in; from the Ridge it came back, "give thanks unto the Lord," and Waldron's height uttered it, "for His mercy endureth," and Lookout Valley sang aloud, "forever, forever," and the mountains cried, "Amen!"

CAR TURTLES AT ARLINGTON AND CARSON

Three Lomita Men Uninjured In Crash at Corner Last Saturday

Three men escaped injury last Saturday evening when the sedan in which they were riding, was struck by another car at the intersection of Arlington avenue and Carson street.

M. L. Gasser, driver, with R. C. Harvey and N. P. Herr, all of Lomita, were in the car that overturned. They were traveling south on Arlington avenue.

The other car was driven by R. L. Robinette of 1015 Acacia street, who had C. S. Leslie as his passenger, and was going east on Carson street.

Gasser's car was damaged to the extent of $125, while the other car's only damage was a flat tire.

KIDDIES HURT IN CAR CRASH

Car Driven by Mrs. Neff In Collision with Mrs. Smith's Auto

Several children received a severe shaking up and some bruises last Friday noon when the car in which they were riding with Mrs. W. J. Neff, crashed into the rear of a car driven by Mrs. H. S. Smith.

It is asserted that Mrs. Neff was following Mrs. Smith's car when Mrs. Smith suddenly came to a complete stop without giving a signal as to her intentions. The result was the crash, in which the front of the Neff car was damaged.

Barbara Kipp received bruises about the head, Barbara Neff received chest bruises and Dora and Artis Miller received minor bruises. The injured children were treated by a physician immediately.

LITTLE NEPHEW OF TORRANCE COUPLE BURIED

Funeral services for Jessie Lloyd Williams, six years old, who died last Thursday of diphtheria at a Los Angeles hospital, were held in Santa Ana Friday morning.

Prior to her death, the child made her home with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Lloyd of 1612 220th street.

Look for Your Next Paper On Friday Morning

All departments of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News will be closed Thanksgiving Day, and the next issues of these papers will be delivered early Friday morning as usual.

Advertising and news copy for the Friday morning issues will be accepted up until 5 p. m. Wednesday.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES TO BE HELD THUR.

Union Services at Baptist Church at 10 A. M. Communion at Episcopal

Union Thanksgiving services will be held Thursday morning at the Baptist church, beginning promptly at ten and lasting for one hour.

Reverend G. G. Elder of the First Christian church will deliver the sermon, and take as his subject "In Everything Give Thanks."

A choir of 20 voices will render the anthem, "Give Unto the Lord," with Mr. R. V. Roelofs as the leader.

Episcopal Church

Special Thanksgiving services with Holy Communion will be held Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock at Christ Episcopal church.

Choir rehearsal will be at 8:00 p. m., Wednesday instead of Thursday on account of Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM AIM OF GARDENA

People Say Only Way To Avoid High Rates Charged

GARDENA.—Petitions have been in circulation for the past week, for the formation of a county water district in the Gardena Valley. Three separate petitions are being circulated, one in the county territory west of Vermont, one in the Los Angeles city strip and one in the county territory east of the city strip.

"The petitions," said B. R. Simms, chairman of the campaign committee, "are the result of several months' effort on the part of the joint committee representing practically every civic organization in the valley. The committee has considered the water situation from every angle and has decided that the only solution to the high water rates and inadequate distribution system is a publicly owned and controlled system.

"We are having no difficulty in securing names to the petitions and the required 10 per cent of voters voting at the last election for governor, will soon have signed the petitions."

REDONDO MAN HURT IN CRASH WITH SAILORS

J. F. Scanlon, 120 N. Elena street, Redondo, suffered painful head cuts when the car in which he was riding collided with a car occupied by two sailors at the intersection of Hawthorne boulevard and Beyrle street Monday morning.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock when Scanlon was enroute to work.

GLIDERS MEET TO BE HELD IN TORRANCE

Manpower Aircraft To Compete in Unique Event in Palos Verdes Hills

Sponsored by the Western Aircraft Show and managed by E. C. Rowell, 1348 Carson street, Torrance, the first gliders' meet to be held in this city will take place on Sunday, Dec. 1, on the slope of the Palos Verdes hills just south of Hollywood Riviera.

Gliders which have just been on exhibition at the Western Aircraft show, will be used in this competition, which is open to all persons interested.

In a letter to Mr. Rowell, the Aeronautical Journal, the pioneer trade journal of the aviation industry, puts at his disposal a number of valuable trophies which have been donated by parties interested in promoting gliding activities, which will be awarded to the winners in the various contests.

Competition will be in four classes, and points will be awarded on two counts under each, as follows;

1. Sailplane: (a) duration of flight; (b) distance from starting point.
2. Secondary: (a) duration; (b) distance.
3. Schooling: (a) distance; (b) best handling.
4. Miscellaneous; (a) youngest pilot; (b) spot landings.

In addition to the trophies offered, Clifford F. Reid, Inc., on whose property the meet will take place, has offered a suitable first prize for the winner in the soaring event.

Cash donations from the city of Redondo, the Redondo Chamber of Commerce, have already been received toward the promotion of this affair, which has attracted the attention of aircraft enthusiasts all over the southwest.

Arrangements with one of the large broadcasting stations have been made to set up equipment and loud speakers at the field so that the crowd may be kept informed of the progress of the performers.

Gliding is the oldest form of flight, experimented with long before the first successful motored airplane was invented. Lilienthal, in Germany, Chanute at Chicago and the Wright brothers flew gliders before the latter had made their first motored flight.

The Wrights held the American official record of a little over ten minutes for duration, a record which had not been surpassed up to March of this year.

However, ten minutes is by no means the world's record for sustained glider flight, for Hesselbach flew for hours over Cape Cod in his experiments of last summer. Records of fourteen hours for duration, 2500 feet for altitude above the starting point and of forty-five miles for distance have been established in Germany which has made the greatest development in motorless flight equipment since the treaty of Versailles placed upon it restrictions against motored flying.

More and more in this country, has the inclination of the air-minded experimenter turned to the glider, until gliding contests are becoming frequent events, and are attended with surprising success.

Redondo Blvd. Is Smooth Now

For the stranger to Torrance who once remarked, about Redondo boulevard, "I'll bet they don't drive milk wagons down this street, because the milk would all be butter before they get down it," an invitation is extended to drive down the street now.

Crews have been busy for some days doing away with the bumps, and the street is in better condition now than for the past few years.