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Water Companies Ask Permit to Merge Property

American States and Bear Valley Utilities Apply For Merger

Friday of this week has been set for hearing before the State Railroad Commission on the ap-plication of the American States Water Service Company and the Bear Valley Utility Company to merge their properties and issue bonds.

geles and Suhurban Water Company.

The Bear Valley Utility Company operates in San Bernardino county, according to the petition, but the American States Company is the surviving company, it is stated.

Proposal outlined in the petition is to issue \$3,400,000 in first mortgage bonds, bearing 5 percent interest. The American States Company also operates in Orange, Ventura, Imperial and Sacramento counties.

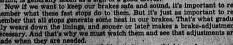
The commission is expected to hear the proposal outlined by atforneys for the companies, and then take the petition under advisement.

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The First Cremation In the United States Occurred In 1792

By CHAS. B. ROBERTSON

What is said by historians to be the first cremation in the United States was upon the body of Henry Laurens. He died in Charleston, South Carelina, December 8, 1792, and a provision in his will stipulated that his body be wrapped in cloth and burned, the foremost men of his day and did much for this nation in her struggle for independence. A short sketch of this remark able man will prove interesting. He nry Laurens, statesman was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1724. He was of Huguenet ancestry and was educated in London for mercantile business, in which he acquired an immense fortune. He opposed British aggressions with speech and writing, and pamphlets which he published dis

America.

On his return to Charleston late in 1774, he was chosen president of the Provincial Congress and the council of safety. In 1776 he was sent as a delegate to Congress and was president of that body for a little more than a year beginning November 1. 1777.

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Receiving the appointment of minister to Holland in 1779, he sailed in the Congress packet Mercury, and on September 1, 1780, she was captured by the frigate Vesta off the shores of Newfoundland. Laurens cast his papers overboard but they were recevered by a sailor, and he was taken to London. After an examination before the privy council he was committed to the Tower on the charge of high Treason, where he was kept in close confinement for more than a year. He was cruelty deprived of pen, ink and paper and to converse even with its friends. Twice he was approached with an offer of part on and liberty if he would serve the ministry, and cast time the offer was indignantly rejected by him. He was finally released, and at the request of Lord Shelburne he went to France to assist in negotiations then making for peace.

Among his papers recovered from the sea was a plan for a treaty with Holland; also several letters which disclosed the existing friendship of the States General for the Americans. The firitish ministry was irritated by these documents and the subsequent refusal of Holland to disclaim the act of Van Berkel caused Great Britain to declare war on Holland. In December, 1781, Laurens was appointed one of the commissioners to negotiate for peace with Great Britain to declare war on Holland. In December, 1781, Laurens was appointed one of the commissioners to negotiate for peace with Great Britain to declare war on Holland. In November, 1782, he signed a reliminary treaty at Paris with Franklin and John Jay, when he returned home. The balance of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits.

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