SET NEW DATE TO HEAR WEEKS CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4 (AP)—Arguments on writ of review of the case of W. H. Weeks, architect, suspended March 10 by the California state board of architectural examiners, were postponed by the board until April 9.

On that date attorneys representing Weeks and the board will argue the merits of Weeks' application for a writ of review.

Revocation of Weeks' license was said by board members to have been the first of its kind in California. The examiners revoked his license on complaint of J. A. Bryant, San Francisco contractor, charging the architect with inflating the contract price of four east bay buildings to the amount of $100,000 and obtaining loans on the inflated figures.

J. J. Donovan, east bay architect, declined to accept appointment as architect for the new Contra Costa county hall of records at Martinez as successor to Weeks. Donovan said he presided at Weeks' hearing and refused the appointment in order to admit no possible reflection on the integrity and sincerity of the board."

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PERENNIALS GIVE MUCH BEAUTY FOR MINIMUM EFFORT

Happily for most of us, perennials add a permanent note of gayety and color to the outdoor living room, and yet require little effort and attention to insure their successful growth. Perennials might well be called the "Busy Man's Flower," for a colorful border once worked out and planted becomes a permanent feature, charming year after year, and it saves the effort involved in arranging temporary plantings each year.

Perenn als will grow in almost any location, but thought should be given to the proper position of varieties. For instance, one cannot expect to grow water-side plants in a dry spot upon a hill, nor sun-loving perennials to thrive in the shade. Nature is perhaps the best guide in this, so around a creek or pond, for instance, we may plant Hemerocallis, Irises Liatris, Funkia or Achusa.

In a sunny border where the soil is rich and no extremes of moisture condition are encountered, one may plant to good advantage the old favorites such as Phlox, Larkspur, Coreopsis, Shasta Daisy, Columbine, Canterbury Bells and Foxglove.

There are so many attractive flowers to choose from that one is very apt to forget the importance of unity in the garden and select too many varieties to be used.

The distance between the plants is a very important consideration as on this often depends the size of the border. A perennial is a comparatively slow-growing subject which develops its greatest beauty frequently after a period of years. Those varieties such as Phlox, Bleeding Heart, German Iris, Delphinium and Peony, which have great permanence and need quite a little room, should be planted with sufficient space between to allow for their later development. During the first year the bare places that would thus occur may be devoted to annuals or bulbs. The proper distance apart then really depends upon the permanency of the plant and the size which it will attain when fully developed. Thus some very upright and narrow perennials will require little ground space and may be planted close together, while the busy spreading kind may sometimes need three feet of space between them for proper development.

If you start your perennial plantings with young, vigorous plants—and after all, they are the very best ones for a new border—and then give them the proper soil in which to grow, encouraging them with the proper treatment, you may expect successful results right from the first year.

LOCAL MERCHANTS TO INVESTIGATE COUNTY'S BUYING

How the county of Monterey conducts its purchasing department will be investigated by a committee from the Monterey Peninsula Merchants association as the result of a meeting last night at Hotel San Carlos, when County Purchasing Agent I. B. Cornett presented a strong defense against charges that peninsula supply houses had not been "given an even break" with those in Salinas and elsewhere.

Local merchants who had filed the complaints failed to appear at last night's meeting but a score of others discussed the subject from various angles. That serious defects exist in the present system of procuring county supplies, with the heads of other departments at fault rather than Cornett himself, seemed to be the principal conclusion reached.

W. C. Ridener, chairman of the association, announced that he would immediately name a committee to visit Cornett's office, at Salinas and satisfy themselves regarding the fairness of the method used in calling bids.

Dawson Explains Bill

Dio L. Dawson, secretary of the Builders' Exchange, explained the purpose of the "Notice of Intention to Build" measure, known as Senate Bill 376 and introduced by State Senator J. W. Merin, which is sponsored by Dawson's organization. "By compelling contractors to file a complete "picture" of each project, in order that subcontractors, property owners and finance companies may know in advance all important facts regarding title to property, finances, plans and specifications, the act will afford protection from unscrupulous contracts who now, according to Dawson, frequently cause loss of property to owners and leave subcontractors only partially reimbursed because these parties are uninformed or misinformed regarding all details of the deal.

"The act is intended to supplement and work in conjunction with the existing mechanics' lien law of the state, which Dawson said has proved itself inadequate to protect the interest of subcontractors."

Dawson stated that a dozen influential peninsula people had wired Senator C. C. Baker to speed up passage of the bill by the senate, where it is now being held up, and urged that as many others as possible do likewise. Local building conditions, Dawson said, make such legislation of especial importance at the present time.

HIGHER WAGES IN INDUSTRY IS CLAIMED NEED

Not only must hours be reduced to absorb the unemployed by-products of machine production, but "real" wages must be materially increased, in the opinion of John P. Frey, labor economist and head of the metal trades department of the A. F. of L.

Frey questioned the theory that machines are making the masses wealthy. He showed that while machinery is increasing the nation's wealth in terms of billions, the buying power of the workers has been increased in terms of millions, according to an article appearing in the Daily Pacific Builder.

He held that the American workers today receive a much smaller proportion of the wealth they help produce than they did in 1849. He added that the gap between wealth production and the workers' share was widened "much more rapidly" in 1928 and 1929 than in previous years.

"Unless industry and commerce desire to strangle themselves, real wages must increase with industry's capacity to produce," Frey said. "Dividends and interest cannot be paid unless wages are materially increased."

Mississippi Up As Drought Ends

NEW ORLEANS, April 4 (AP)—Melting snows in the north and spring rains in the south have made Father Mississippi look like a river again instead of a creek that hadn't quite dried up. In consequence, boats can run again without plowing silt and sand.

The season rise, usually a boon to river commerce, this year ended the short low water period in the memory of men who make their living on the stream.

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BARGAIN HUNTERS

RENO, Nev. (UP)—Women are still looking for bargains in divorces, judging from the avalanche of inquiries reaching local attorneys about the bill setting a minimum fee of $25 for divorces, killed by the last legislature.

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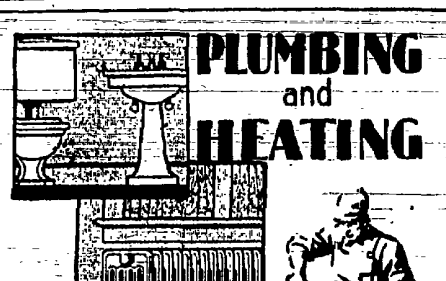
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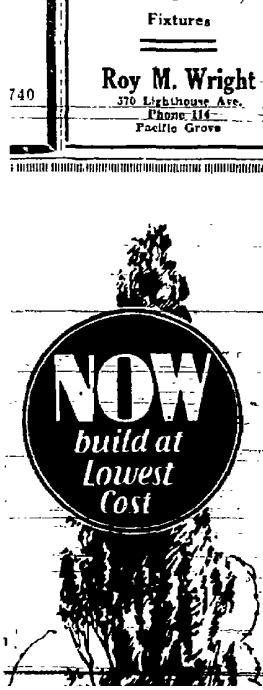

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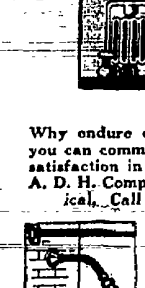
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