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NOTRE DAME IS SOLD; WILL BE BUSINESS SITE

Change of ownership of the old Notre Dame college property on West Santa Clara st., was announced today, the property having passed into the hands of Albert E. Kern and Samuel Hamburger of San Francisco for approximately $500,000.

Kern and Hamburger, who are large local property holders, will immediately start development of the property, planning the erection of a five-story fireproof hotel of about 110 rooms, a theater and mercantile buildings. The property will be subdivided into four city blocks.

The hotel building will be started first, according to plans announced by Kern. The theater structure will follow and then other mercantile buildings and possibly a large market.

Kern and Hamburger already own the Porter building and the San Carlos hotel here. Their new purchase of property in this city shows their faith in San Jose's future, Kern, in a statement issued today, declared that Santa Clara st., being the only 100 foot street in the business district, is destined to become a great shopping district and that San Jose itself has a most promising and brilliant future.

The deal through which Kern and Hamburger acquired the old Notre Dame grounds was handled by Victor Challen of the Copper-Challen Realty Co. here. William J. Lee acted as personal representative of Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, S. J., and the Sisters of Notre Dame during the transactions.

The site acquired by Kern and Hamburger is 554 feet on Santa Clara st. and a depth of 754 feet. It is bounded by Santa Clara, Santa Teresa and San Augustine sts.

Kern stated today that the Sisters of Notre Dame co-operated in every way during the dealings leading up to the transfer of the property. "They realized that as the property had served its usefulness for school purposes and being located in the heart of the city, it was retarding the growth of the business district," Kern said.

The new subdivision is to be known as College tract. One street, 80 feet wide, will run from Santa Clara to San Augustine st. The other street, which is to intersect the first one, will be 60 feet wide and will run from San Teresa st. to the end of the property and will be so situated that it later may be projected further and into San Pedro st.

The new streets will be paved and equipped with electroliers.

All buildings on the campus except Science hall and the high school building will be razed.

Work of wrecking them will be started immediately. Contract for the wrecking has been awarded to the Dohrs Wrecking Co., and Frank Teresi has been engaged to take out the trees which would interfere with the development program.

SINCLAIR LEWIS SPURNS OFFER OF PULITZER PRIZE

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LOCAL DEBATERS WIN ARGUMENT ON ANNEXATION

Local members of the Knights of Columbus were entertained by two high school debating societies last night, following the regular business meeting of the knights. More than 200 members of the K. of C. were present at the debate, which was held in their new building on North First st.

The subject of the debate was "Resolved, That the town of Santa Clara should be annexed to San Jose, the combined communities to be called 'San Jose'." The affirmative arguments were made by Carroll Kirby, Walter Raley and Ed Forrest, students at St. Joseph's high school, San Jose. Students from the University of Santa Clara high school, College Park, upheld the negative side of the debate. They were S. M. Sanfilippo, J. H. Rowe and Cyril Brymer.

The award was made, two to one, in favor of the affirmative. The winning team was presented with a handsome loving cup by San Jose council 573, Knights of Columbus.

So that an unbiased opinion might be rendered the judges selected were all residents of communities not connected with either San Jose or Santa Clara. They were P. J. Fitzgerald of Cupertino, Frank X. Farry of Sunnyvale and Walter G. Fitzgerald of Gilroy. John M. Burnett presided as chairman of the debate, which was arranged for by Arthur E. Xavier, lecturer of San Jose council.

OLD SPANISH SHAWLS ARE ON EXHIBITION

Two Spanish shawls, each over a century old, are notable parts of the fiesta window decorations of The Bandbox, milliners. The shawls will be on display throughout the month of May and during the fiesta.

On display for the first time in their history, the shawls were loaned to the millinery store by Miss Emily Lightston, sister of Lems Lightston, city license collector. Miss Lightston inherited them from her mother, who before her marriage to the San Jose pioneer, Frank Lightston, was Miss Juanita Soto.

Frank Lightston came to San Jose in 1847 and was a partner in Lightston st., which was named for him, in a mercantile store with Charles Weber, capitalist and founder of the city of Stockton. At that time Lightston st., which is now an alley, was the leading commercial street of the town of San Jose. The Soto family was one of the first in San Jose and lived in an adobe near the plaza where the city hall was later to stand.

The marriage of Frank Lightston to Juanita Soto was one of the notable social events of early San Jose. As a wedding gift Weber gave the entire store to his partner, for those were free-handed days.

WOOL STEADY

BOSTON, May 5.—The wool market is steady. Inquiry for wool has increased, however. It is reported that about 5,000,000 pounds of the 25,000,000-pound clip have been sold. Prices asked for the fleece clip totaled about 50,000 pounds. Some fleeces [illegible] are being offered at around 37 clean in bond. The strike in England is stiffening the domestic markets.

SUMMER OF FIGHTING IN RIFF ASSURED

OUJDA, Morocco, May 5 (United Press).—Peace negotiations between representatives of the Riffians and the Franco-Spanish allies were broken off today, it was officially announced.

The Riffians announced they would not release French and Spanish prisoners held on the Riff until Riffian prisoners were released by the allies.

Rupture of the negotiations indicated that there would be another summer of fighting in Morocco during which the allies would seek to crush the rebel tribesmen.

Illinois Man Invents New Ford Gas Saver

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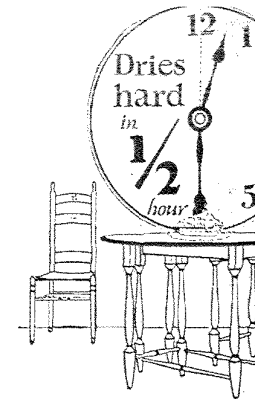
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