

December
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1922

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Mayor S. M. Spaulding,
Beverly Hills, California.

My dear Mr. Spaulding:

I desire to call your attention to the water that is available just south of Beverly, owned by the Title Guarantee & Trust Company in trust for a syndicate in which I am interested.

If the City of Beverly does not care to go into the City of Los Angeles, I would suggest the following:

The acquisition of the Rodeo Water System and making a contract with us for water. My suggestion would be that we, at our own expense, build a 500,000 gallon sump near the town of Sherman and name a price per million gallons delivered on a 20-year contract, or some other term of delivery mutually satisfactory, the understanding being that we will furnish a potable supply of water, and if there is any question as to its quality, the question to be left to the State Board of Health.

I will be pleased to meet you or representatives of your city at any time if you are interested.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

Spaulding
Shultz
Woodruff

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December
Twenty-sixth
1922

Mayor S. M. Spaulding,
Beverly Hills, California.

My dear Mayor Spaulding:

Answering your inquiry for a definite proposition for the purchase of water, will say that the Title Guarantee & Trust Company will enter into an agreement with your city to furnish you with a bountiful supply of water in the sump, the location to be agreed upon, the quality to be up to the State Board of Health standard, the price to be 5 cents per hundred cubic feet. There must be an agreed minimum and maximum, and we prefer a twenty-year contract.

Will you please at as early a date as possible let me know your idea as to the minimum amount you would agree to take and what your maximum amount would be. You can readily understand we cannot indefinitely reserve a large quantity of water which would not be put to beneficial use. It would be against public policy, and the city must either agree and pay for water whether they take it or not, or else give us the right to dispose of it elsewhere after a given period.

I will be in Los Angeles Tuesday of next week, January 24, and will be glad to have a conference with you on this matter, if desired. I am leaving the last of next week for a four weeks' vacation and hope to come to some tentative conclusion one way or the other next Tuesday with your city officials in this matter, subject, of course, to ratification by your Honorable City Council. Possibly this matter may have to be submitted to the voters of your city. That is a matter for our attorneys to determine.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season,

I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

cc Shultz
Woodruff
Salisbury
Chandler

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S. M. SPALDING
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CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
CALIFORNIA

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December 27th, 1922.

Col. Ed Fletcher,
920 Eighth Street,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

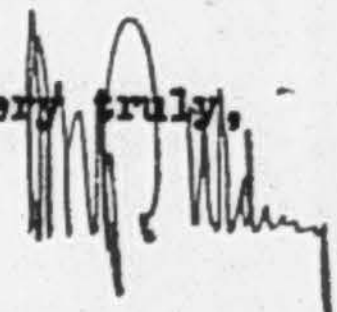
This acknowledges your recent letter in the matter of your water wells at Sherman.

As I told you on the telephone Beverly Hills is now confronted with a water problem which is susceptible of at least two solutions: One, the acquisition of its own water supply or annexation to the City of Los Angeles.

A number of the citizens feel that the present water company should continue to provide this service to the increased number of consumers and as a result of this a petition has been filed with the Railroad Commission which will serve to define the obligation of the present company. This hearing should be had shortly and after the Commission have ruled it will then be possible to submit to the voters the alternatives and it is with this idea in mind that I suggested the other evening that you should specify just what you would be willing to do in the way of furnishing water to the city. While I have had no opportunity to discuss this matter with the Board I am sure that they would wish to know the amount of water which you are able to furnish, how you propose to furnish it - that is where you make delivery - when you could commence to supply it and at what rate.

I think it extremely probable that the Trustees will also wish to know what you would be willing to do in the way of an outright sale of this water as it is probable that a considerable portion of the citizens will be in favor of the city owning its own system, and if you desire to make such a proposition it will in a way constitute an additional inducement to those who at present are somewhat of the idea that the only satisfactory solution of the water problem in Beverly Hills is to annex to the City of Los Angeles.

Yours very truly,



S. M. SPALDING,
President Board of Trustees.

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December
Twenty-eighth
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Mr. S. M. Spalding, President,
Board of Trustees,
City of Beverly Hills, California.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of December 27th, will say that I think I understand your situation and will be glad to cooperate with you in every way possible.

I would like to have a conference with you next Tuesday, January 2d, preferably in the afternoon. I am leaving for San Francisco Tuesday night. I may have something further of interest on this subject.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

December
Twenty-eighth
1922

Mayor S. M. Spalding,
Beverly Hills, California.

C. A. CANFIELD ESTATE
408 Pacific Mutual Bldg.
LOS ANGELES

July 3, 1925.

Mr. Ed Fletcher,
920 Eighth Street,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

Sometime ago you requested a list of the Canfield heirs with their addresses, with a view to writing them regarding the Pine Hills property. You stated you felt you could present the situation in a way with satisfactory proof that would convince them that it would be mutually beneficial to support their interests in that property.

These names and addresses are listed below:

Mrs. Florence E. Whitney,
"Winkover", Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y.

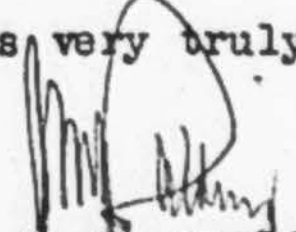
Mrs. Daisy C. Moreno,
503 Bank of Italy Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Caroline C. Spalding,
408 Pacific Mutual Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Dorothy C. Cheseldine,
124 E. High St., London, Ohio.

Mrs. Eileen C. Himes,
911 - 15th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Yours very truly,


S. M. Spalding.

Ed Fletcher Papers

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