

J. P. Campbell, Tax Collector, Stockton

Dear Sir; When in Stockton a few days ago I was told that there was some consideration perhaps to be taken of raising taxes on the Terminal Tract water

front. I am attorney for Herman G. Wilson, Katy Wilson and am personally interested, beyond being attorney for them in part of the water front.

I have worked for Col. Mendell in the past to supervise work done for one of the California rivers, under him; and have owned at Astoria, as Mrs Mendell did, unimproved water front near the mouth of the Columbia river; the great jetty of which he constructed as he had the harbor of Oakland and the jetty at Los Angeles. Like his widow for over twenty years I have owned at Astoria unimproved property; and my mothers family have in Stockton paid taxes on unimproved water front for twenty seven years. Mrs Mendell wife of Col. Mendell who deepened by his jetty the Columbia river, has paid taxes on unimproved property there; increased in the amount of taxes paid, although she could not sell it; until she, after several thousands of dollars paid has allowed it to go to the state; as my sister and myself have done with over two hundred lots in Astoria, after having such experiences as Col. Mendells property there, after his death has met with.

Working for Stockton because of former work for another part of the state done by me, as I told friends running one of your leading papers the other evening, through what I have done by advertisements for two or more years in papers, I think I have helped your city. As I say: I have ceased to pay taxes after many years of doing so, on Astoria unimproved property. I am ready, out on about all that I can make over expenses of living from law business expended on them to help make Stockton unimproved property sufficiently understood to get others to make it productive. You will pardon me if I say that: until it has been made sufficiently known to get others to make it productive I do not think the present owners should be asked to pay more taxes than, than out of their others business they are, at this time, able to.

Adair Welcker

Respectfully,

Adair Welcker

NOTE. One of the greatest things for it that this hospital may have begun to show to others is, that what is mans inalienable right to life that liberty is, for mans health the greatest aid; for true freedom, from life itself comes; and what operates to take from man his inalienable right to operate to cause the health, of some, to be made less.