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NAME HYDE, JAMES McDONALD

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

Board of Public Works.....1928-1930

City Council, District 2.....1931-1937

COUNTY:

1937-1939

STATE:

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

**BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

College Professor  
Author  
inventor  
metallurgist  
City official

**PORTRAIT:**

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

## ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

"He is a man of intelligence, vision, human understanding, and force; an experienced executive, thoroughly trained, broadly experienced and familiar with all of the details of a complicated city government." \*

\*The Western Woman, March 11, 1932

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

**BOOKS:**

"The Western Woman" March 11, 1932  
( Reprint attached)

**NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:**

Los Angeles Times

**PERSONAL INTERVIEW:**

INTERVIEWED BY: Luella Sawyer

DATE OF INTERVIEW: 1935

REWRITTEN BY: James Boucher, June, 1936

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Biography

NAME HYDE, JAMES McDONALD

Occupation Metallurgist

Address 2079 Mound Street, Los Angeles

Birth (Date and Place) June 25, 1873

Mystic Bridge, Conn.

FATHER William Penn Hyde

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

MOTHER Seraphine Smith Carr

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Bessie Lorrain Ransom

Birth of Same (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

When Married 1923

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Helen Elizabeth

TITLES OF BOOKS, ARTICLES, MUSIC, OR OTHER CREATIVE  
WORK

(In the case of printed matter, please give date and publisher; of periodical publica-  
tions also name of magazine and date.)

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Invented—Hyde Roughing and Cleaning Flota-  
tion Process;  
Hyde Pneumatic Flotation Machine.

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Author of technical articles on mining and  
metallurgy.

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REVIEWS, CRITICISMS, AND OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL  
NOTICES

(Please note printed matter concerning yourself or your work. We would appreciate  
any such material you may send, clippings, reviews, portrait.)

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Who's Who in America 1932-33

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Who's Who in Engineering 1922-23

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## ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

Mr. Hyde comes of an old New England family which moved to California over fifty years ago.

## EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Grammar school, Mystic Bridge, Conn.; Stanford University, 1901

## CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Mason

American Institute of Mining Engineers

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION      Congregationalist

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS      Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE      1897

## SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

James McDonald Hyde was born in Mystic Bridge, Connecticut, in 1873, where he attended grammar school. He received his education as a mining engineer and geologist at Stanford University where he became an instructor in assaying before graduating in 1901.

His first year after leaving college was spent in the South Park College Settlement in San Francisco, where he was employed as secretary and curator of the museum of the State Mining Bureau. From 1903 to 1906 he served on the technical faculty of the University of Oregon.

From Oregon Mr. Hyde went to Mexico on important mining work. The purpose of this venture was interrupted by the Madero revolution.

In 1919, Stanford instituted a graduate School of Engineering and Mr. Hyde was placed in charge of the metallurgical department remaining there until 1926 when he left to look after his mining and oil interests. In 1928 he was appointed to the Board of Public Works, resigning in March 1930 to become a member of the City Council, in which capacity he is serving today--1936.



# A RECIPE FOR PEACE

By JAMES M. HYDE

The recipe for peace on earth is simple.

It is contained in five words, each of which commences with the letter "C".

Conciliation, Conference, Comprehension, Compromise, Co-operation.

To start peaceful relations we must do something to demonstrate good will toward each other. That is Conciliation.

After we have shown a friendly spirit we may talk things over in a friendly way. That is Conference.

By friendly discussion we come to an understanding of each other's viewpoints. Thus we attain Comprehension.

When we feel friendly towards each other and understand each other's problems it is possible to adjust ourselves to some Compromise which paves the way for hearty Co-operation.

This is a good recipe. It works. Use it!

It is based on the fundamentals of human nature.

It is the Great Teacher's way into the Kingdom of Heaven which is within those who live the life of brotherly kindness.

If it were universally applied, this earth would become a veritable paradise.

## SECOND DISTRICT

James M. Hyde is the incumbent. Hyde is a former Stanford faculty member, who has been in local politics eight years. His political views swing in an arc like a pendulum. For instance, while attacking City Hall lobbyists some time ago, at the same time he was "letting them in on the ground floor" of his Good Hope gold mine.