

IT WAS A VERY HAPPY OCCASION.

The Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

A Physical and Mental Feast for the Guests.

Mr. W. H. Mills Makes an Address Full of Information—All of the Toasts Were Well Handled—Those Who Sat at the Board.

A more characteristic or notable assemblage of men has never before been held in Southern California than the gathering at the Hotel Redondo last night to the first annual banquet of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce.

The chamber of commerce is entering upon the fifth year of its organization, and celebrated the event with last evening's banquet. It was given with the intention of bringing the business men together and promoting a more hearty feeling of cordiality among them.

Those present were: J. B. Lankershim, F. H. Longley, J. H. Dookweiler, W. T. Johnson, L. M. Grider, J. F. Jenkins, C. H. Hall, J. W. Stewart, I. H. Le Van, F. W. Kelley, N. Lindenfeld, Herman W. Helman, A. Haas, Chas. Wier, H. Beale, F. J. Bauer, Geo. T. Hanley, H. Lewis, I. E. Aull, I. B. Newton, A. C. Billick, H. W. Latham, Jno. Scott, M. S. Hewes, R. H. Howell, Louis Rosder, Ernest Watson, C. Brode, C. F. A. Last, Max Werner, O. W. Krause, J. K. Urnston, A. L. Bath, R. B. Kidd, F. D. Cunningham, A. Langley Jones, C. D. Willard, H. B. Wing, M. D. Herman Silver, Julius Stern, E. F. C. Kloake, V. G. Baker, W. H. Nieswender, W. E. Ferguson, Henry Ludwig, Jerry Illich, J. J. Mathews, C. P. Dandy, H. J. Shoulters, Peter McDonald, W. P. Ramsaur, J. Kuhrt, C. F. Alden, M. W. Stimson, J. M. Johnston, Joseph Schroder, F. C. Devendorf, E. T. Stimson, J. E. Marble, William Niles, G. T. Griffith, W. H. Workman, M. G. McKoon, Geo. Carson, H. Newman, J. M. Braswell, G. I. Baugh, J. W. Cook, Frank Wiggins, J. M. Crawley, V. Ponet, Will D. Gould, H. G. Bartlett, Freeman G. Teed, C. W. Hicks, J. W. Cunningham, Wesley Clark, W. H. Stimson, C. H. Bixby, L. Bixby, J. J. Akin, G. H. Stewart, A. H. Pike, F. W. Sabich, Sutherland Hunt, E. H. Barnore, G. E. Nolan, J. Thomas, Tom T. Barnes, M. C. Neuner, E. C. Bichowsky, Newell Matthews, A. E. Pomroy, E. A. Miller, H. Boettcher, M. P. Snyder, Dr. G. W. Bureleigh, Dr. J. H. Davison, A. A. Seeberger, Joseph Burkhard, Charles Victor Hall, H. J. Leland, Wade W. Francisco, Jr., Robert D. Andy, Ben Kingsbaker, N. B. Carter, George N. Dewey, E. W. King, W. F. Bobysheill, S. W. Luitweller, J. H. Brady, C. Forrester, J. A. Leonard, James Eyster, George W. Parsons, W. B. Citew, W. C. Henry, G. Rony, S. P. Bowen, M. N. Avero, Isaac H. Johnston, T. J. Harmon, A. H. Busch, W. H. Hoagse, Niles Pease, John D. Hookey, Wm. Le Moyne Wills, M. D., C. A. Luckenbach, S. B. Caswell, George H. Pike, T. Sullivan, Robert McGarvin, W. S. Allen, E. W. Sargent, Otto Brodbeck, W. S. Livingson, L. D. Rich, Linton Kimble, W. H. Sute, C. White, Mortimer, Theo. A. Eisen, R. M. Widney, W. T. Bishop, Jr., E. A. Clark, M. D., C. S. Walton, Granville MacGowan, Chas. J. Ellis, T. D. Stimson, M. S. Severance, M. L. Graff, H. J. Woolacott.

At 8 o'clock the orchestra struck up a march and the gentlemen formed and proceeded down the long corridor to the banquet hall. It was led by Dan Freeman, the presiding officer of the evening, and Mr. Mills; then came in successive pairs the various speakers of the evening, followed by the guests of the evening consisting of 178 persons. The table was in the form of an inverted U and extended on both sides of the room. Facing the assemblage were the presiding officer and toastmaster and others of the evening. In the center were Dan Freeman, presiding, on his right were the toastmaster, Judge J. W. McKinley, L. J. Rose, W. H. Mills, James McLaughlin, H. P. McKoon, W. E. Howard, H. Z. Osborne and W. C. Patterson; on his right were Joseph Medill, Gen. A. McD. McCook, J. D. Lynch, Marion Cannon, A. D. Childress, Enoch Knight, L. E. Mosher and E. F. C. Kloake. The hall was neatly decorated. The American flag was festooned at both ends of the room. From the pillars were festooned lines of smilax. Potted plants were placed in the side alcoves. The alcove at the rear of the speakers was filled with potted plants. Palm leaves were placed about the waistcoats and along the window sills. Along the entire front of the table and facing the presiding gentleman was a handsome bank of flowers, composed of pink roses, heliotrope, smilax and geranium. Extending along the full length of side tables was a line of smilax flowers. Potted flowers were also played on the side tables. In the center of the room was an elegant floral piece representing the ship of commerce sailing in a richly-hued ocean of smilax. One of the most pleasant features of the affair took place immediately after the company were seated. The various members of the reception committee proceeded to the company and saw that

each person was introduced to his neighbor, thus removing all formality of the occasion and establishing a perfect feeling of fellowship among the guests. In the small musical balcony overlooking the hall an orchestra rendered selections during the banquet. A number of ladies surveyed the banqueters from the balcony. The hall presented a brilliant scene, and among those present were the leading citizens of Los Angeles, representing all manner of professions and business enterprises. For over an hour the company were at the table exchanging reminiscences, relating stories, and the flow of wit and enjoyment was without abatement. The menu cards were tasteful and emblematic of the event. Around a vignette of the groves of palm and citrus trees were clusters of oranges and other fruits and the railway of commerce was pictured. The cards were secured with lemon-colored satin. There were nine courses, which were composed entirely of the productions of almost every section of the state. The dishes were characteristic of the various sections from where they came. The collection of the various dishes represented an area of several thousand square miles. It called to mind the story of highly imaginative banquets of Dumas' Monte Christo. Characteristic of each section, it was, too, of the entire state, for it represented what is impossible for any state but California. In response to the first toast Mr. McLachlan said: "As I contemplated the subject assigned to me, its importance grew upon me. It called to mind the story of three Americans who were called upon to respond to a toast. The first proposed America, and bounded it according to the accepted school ideas. The second was not satisfied with this, and in his response bounded America on the north and south by the north and south poles, on the east by the rising and on the west by the setting sun. The third and one made the boundaries even larger than the second. It was bounded, he said, on the north by the aurora borealis, on the east by the prime chaos, on the south by the procession of the equinoxes, and on the west by the day of judgment. Looking over the records, there were no presidents on the whole list who had refused to sign appropriation which would have advanced the Pacific coast. The trouble had been that congress had not given them a full opportunity to help us. But now California had a representative in congress in the person of Stephen M. White, who, with 'out Cannon,' would see that the Pacific coast was brought before the president." The Army and the Navy was the next toast; it was responded to by General McCook. "The history of the army and navy is so interwoven with that of commerce that they are inseparable. Commerce is the forwarding and building up by the products produced from the bowels of the earth. The army has guarded the outposts of commerce from the Appalachian chain to the beautiful Pacific coast. The army has made all of the surveys of the pioneer sections. Many times have its rifles swept these plains and its blood dyed the soil. The pride of the army has always been to be first good citizens and second, good soldiers; and it has always professed its subservience to the civil power, as, for instance, at the close of the civil war. The army has produced statesmen as well as heroes. There was the noble Washington, Hickory Jackson, William Henry Harrison, Franklin Pierce, Zachary Taylor and the immortal Lincoln; and there have also been soldier-presidents, as Gen. U. S. Grant and Gen. James B. Garfield. Couple those illustrious names as the annals of both the navy and army present in John Paul Jones, Decatur, Perry, Farragut and Porter in the navy, and in the army Sheridan, Sherman, Thoms and others, and we have a roll of great and glorious men and heroes. Show me a country without heroes and I will tell you that it has no history." Joseph Medill responded to the toast. Our Guests. He briefly treated of the importance of commercial institutions in political economy, and spoke eloquently of the chamber of commerce. His remarks were heartily applauded. Letters and telegrams read from distinguished guests who were unable to be present, were read by Judge Enoch Knight and were listened to with great attention. Some of them may be quoted as follows: Senator Stanford: My sympathies and warm friendship will be with you. Senator Felton: I beg to assure you of my high appreciation of your organization, which has conducted me so greatly to the interests of your state and city. Governor Markham: I hold myself in readiness to assist your organization in any way possible in this work. Senator Stewart: I drink to Los Angeles, the queen city of orange groves, flowers, beauty, health and prosperity. Ex-Senator Edmunds—Your organization on this magnificent border of the tranquil sea suggests and tends to assure the realization of the vast possibilities this coast presents for the future advantage of the whole republic. Whitelaw Reid—It would be a great pleasure to me to witness the progress of Southern California, of which I have heard so much. Senator White—The chamber of commerce is a necessity. Los Angeles could not get along without it. C. P. Huntington—If I were with you I would offer this toast: The Prosperity of Los Angeles; may it be a grand monument of untiring enterprise, the pedestal of which shall be fair play. George C. Magoun of the Santa Fe company—Your great state, in the judgment of all in a position to express an opinion, is only entering on a mighty career of prosperity and usefulness of which the past is only a suggestion and a prophecy. Richard C. Kerens of the Terminal railway—Every year the climatic and other advantages of Southern California become better understood. George R. Davis, director general of the world's fair—From four counties of Southern California have come more applications for pomological exhibits than from all the rest of the state put together. J. M. Samuel, chief of the department of horticulture of the world's fair—The people of Southern California were the first on the face of the earth to effectually refute the opinion generally entertained that cold climates alone are conducive to quick action physically and mentally. E. B. Pond, president of the chamber of commerce of San Francisco—Your chamber of commerce has already attained an enviable position as one of the most active and influential organizations of its kind on the coast. M. O. Murphy, Governor of Arizona—Arizona sends greetings and cordial good will. Governor Prince of New Mexico—The connections between Southern California and this territory are so close and our interests in many matters so nearly

identical that I should have enjoyed copying your kindly invitation. Mayor Sherman of San Diego—Allow me to offer for the occasion this sentiment: Los Angeles, the Queen City of Southern California; may it soon become the Capital City. Kindly expressions were also received from Eugene J. Gregory, president of the state board of trade; the mayor of San Francisco; Frank Pixley, editor of the Argonaut; John P. Irish, D. O. Mills, C. P. Holder, editor of the Californian; M. R. Higgins, Governor of Nevada and Congressman Bowers, Cutting. The toastmaster stated that in the absence of Mr. H. E. Huntington, who was to have replied to the toast, The Commerce of the Pacific, he would call upon Mr. W. H. Mills to incorporate it with the toast, Our Fruit Interests, to which he was to have replied later in the evening. Mr. President and Gentlemen: I bring you a message from Mr. H. E. Huntington, who came to this place with me, and in whose company I have been visiting Southern California for the past 11 days. Mr. H. E. Huntington is the assistant of his uncle, the president of the Southern Pacific company, and more than any other citizen now in California represents that great system of railways. He is visiting the southern portion of the state with reference to the improved railroad facilities of this part of the country, and the lowering of rates of transportation. [Applause.] He would have been here to respond to this toast in person, but for over six weeks he has been confined to his bed with an attack of lung fever and is now only convalescing. He requested me to say to you, however, that whatever plans you may have for the commercial and industrial development of this part of the state, you have the very hearty sympathy and shall have the co-operation of the Southern Pacific company. [Applause.] Mr. L. J. Rose—Would you kindly give us some information with reference to the building of the harbor at Santa Monica? Mr. Mills—I am not authorized by Mr. H. E. Huntington to disclose any of the secrets of the Southern Pacific company. [Laughter.] You will understand that, although a member of its board of directors, I am not directly connected with its operating department, and there has been a misunderstanding of the industrial development of California for 30 years, and as such I have always perceived that the shortest line of communication between tide water on the Atlantic and on the Pacific seaboard was at some point near Los Angeles. Since railroad communication has been developed we know that Galveston is the nearest point on the Atlantic coast, and the best harbor harbor constructed at that place. But the commerce will not go there, because it is a law of railroad transportation that cars must seek their terminal point to receive their return freight, and that point is New Orleans, at the mouth of the Mississippi river. It will be the eastern terminal point, and Santa Monica will be the western. I would not have spoken of this matter but for the request of my friend Mr. Rose, and I don't want to raise any local question. These local differences are due to the newness of the country, and I believe will disappear with its development. Somewhere on your borders there is to be a harbor. And in answer to Mr. Rose's question I would say the intentions of the Southern Pacific company are apparent. There is a harbor for a deep-sea harbor at Santa Monica, and it will be built. Mr. Huntington, the president of the company, owns the largest shipyard in the world, and has put out of that yard three of the largest freight vessels ever constructed. At present there is a vast tonnage comes west over the Sunset line, and the cars are many of them hauled back empty. I can put these things altogether, and it is no breach of confidence to say that the commerce of the southwest coast of America, and even the coffee from Central America may be brought to Santa Monica harbor and there rehipped to the interior. [Applause.] When the commercial lines have asserted themselves upon the commercial geography of this country, what necessity will there be for shipping material for Arizona to San Francisco, to be hauled back down to that territory. The Nicaragua canal will be built, and I announce myself here and everywhere as its friend. [Applause.] The map shows it to be due south of Virginia City, and it will naturally get this trade by reason of being the western sea terminus of the shortest line between the two oceans. There is considerable talk about our production, and yet there arrived in America in the year 1892 578,000 able-bodied immigrants from the old world. England is offering £1 or \$5 to ship captains for every emigrant carried from that country. And with this vast increase in population in addition to the natural increase, the United States will probably have 100,000,000 inhabitants before the century reaches its close. And when you consider that of this number of immigrants 550,000 go to what is spoken of as the frozen north, where there are already 40,000,000 of people, and only 28,000 to the southern part of the union, where the crops might be similar to ours, the prospect of over-production is not alarming. Some observations, a poem, was contributed by Mr. L. E. Mosher. It was in a humorous vein, and vividly portrayed the brassy days of the past boom. It closed with a brief sketch of the present bright days and the future brilliant times of Southern California. A. D. Childress responded to the toast Southern California. The toast is a pleasant one to me. I love Southern California as if it were the place of my nativity. These encomiums read here this evening express the future of our country far better than I can. I have heard letters tonight of the glory and future of Southern California from persons who we thought were not interested in either. He closed with a tribute to the chamber of commerce and stated that it was due largely the development of Southern California, and this banquet would be but the first of many. Marion Cannon responded to the Silver Dollar. He spoke in a characteristic manner. If the gentlemen desired to hear him he would be glad to deliver a few remarks, but if not he would ask to be excused and would have his speech published. [Cries of go on, go on, he proceeded.] He discussed the bills of the demonization of silver. His remarks were confined entirely to a comparison of the price of wheat and cotton raised in India and America. He

gave a number of statistics to verify his statements. Mr. Joseph D. Lynch responded in a happy vein to the toast, "New comers and Old-timers," speaking briefly, owing to the lateness of the hour. Hon. L. J. Rose responded briefly but suitably to the toast, "California at the World's Fair." Mr. Dan Freeman, president of the chamber of commerce, closed the banquet with a response to the toast, "The Chamber of Commerce." His remarks were given in an amusing vein, characteristic of the speaker. It was 12:45 when the final toast was concluded and the party proceeded to the train. The city was reached without accident. On the return to this city a number of the party visited the Herald press-room and watched the new Hops perfecting press doing its marvelously rapid work. IS HE THE MAN? Jose Garcia Arrested for Assaulting Sefiora Cornejo. Jose Garcia was arrested last evening about 8 o'clock by Detectives Benson and Aule and locked up in the central police station on suspicion. On last Wednesday evening an incident assault was attempted upon the person of Teresa Casula, a 13-year-old girl, who lives with her parents in a cañon in the rear of the Catholic cemetery. She had been sent out on a short-dress to drive home some cows, and about 7 o'clock, when a few hundred yards from the house, she was assaulted by a lusty young Mexican, who took her down in spite of her cries and struggles, and proceeded to the accomplishment of his purpose. He held the girl's mouth so that she could not scream, and had almost succeeded, when the girl's brother saw a friend, who had been up the road, accidentally but most opportunely came along. The Mexican jumped up and ran away as fast as he could, the men after him. They got so near to him that they picked up stones and tried to bring him down. He was hit several times and grunted, but continued to run. In order to lighten himself for greater speed he threw off his coat and hat, which the pursuers secured. The fellow wore three shirts and two vests at the time. The little girl was somewhat bruised in the scuffle with her assailant, and her clothes were torn, but it is not believed that she was otherwise injured. The young men had a great chase after the fellow, and one of them was almost within reaching distance of him at one time, when he threw off his coat and hat and made a fresh spurt. He must have been hurt quite badly by the stones with which he was hit, but by a desperate tenacity kept along and distanced his pursuers. The matter was reported at the police station, and Chief of Police Glass notified the police and roustabouts to look out for the fellow, giving his description as follows, which was obtained from the young men and the little girl: "Mexican, dark age about 25 years; weight, 160 pounds; smooth, round face; height, about 5 feet 8 inches, and wore a light striped shirt and dark vest." The fellow arrested last evening wore a different hat and coat from those described as worn by the man who committed the assault. At the prison last evening the coat was tried upon him, and it was a fit, as well as such kind of clothing can fit a person. He explained that he was drunk a few nights ago; that he lost his hat and coat, and others were given to him. He also stated that he had been out in the country several days picking oranges, but did not state where. He was not asked about the crime described as worn by the man who committed the assault. At the prison last evening the coat was tried upon him, and it was a fit, as well as such kind of clothing can fit a person. He explained that he was drunk a few nights ago; that he lost his hat and coat, and others were given to him. He also stated that he had been out in the country several days picking oranges, but did not state where. He was not asked about the crime described as worn by the man who committed the assault. 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