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POINTERS FOR TODAY.

PARK THEATRE—American Born. ATHLETIC PARK—Baseball, Rooters vs. Bank. 2:30 p. m. AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OFFICE—Meeting of Horse Breeders' association, 2 p. m.

The brother of the Duke of Veragua, the Marquis de Barbalho, is not made of the stern stuff that entered into the composition of his ancestor, stout old Christopher Columbus. Considering the weakness of his fiber he would do well to forego the demonstrations which are extended to the Columbian party or the next attack of angina pectoris may be his last.

This new circulator of the HERALD, the Messrs. Franklin & Levering, are meeting with the most gratifying success. The early delivery of this paper meets with the warm approval of both old and new subscribers. All our subscribers yesterday morning on the longest routes received their paper by 6:30 a. m. Any one who desires to subscribe for the HERALD is now sure of getting it. Take it and you will get all the news of the day before breakfast. The energetic young gentlemen who now have the circulation in hand deserve and are receiving the encouragement of our people. Take the HERALD yourself and get your neighbors to take it. It is the journal, par excellence, of this section. Our Lightning Hoe Perfecting Press now enables us to fill the field and supply a long-felt want.

The Elvian park, if properly treated, will be the pride and glory of Los Angeles. An immense amount of work has been done upon at scarcely any expense. With a little care we shall have a noble forest within a short walk of the center of the city. The drives are superb, and they command views of surpassing interest that are scarcely equaled by the magnificent Presidio and Cliff House drives of San Francisco. The park commissioners are about to ask the council for \$600 for the purpose of watering the trees of Elvian park. They have been thoroughly mulched, are getting on finely and this small appropriation will give a great impetus to their growth. This modest demand should be granted at once. It will be money well spent by the city, and will insure a greater return than any expenditure of a similar amount that could be made.

When some of the San Francisco papers started out to whoop up the proposition of having a continuation of the world's fair in that city, we advised them to look carefully before they leaped. We said that the cost of erecting buildings, transporting the exhibits, and placing the fair in condition to attract a large crowd of visitors, would reach an enormous sum. We further said that but few people from the east and from Europe could be induced to cross the continent to visit a fair that would necessarily be far less attractive than the great Columbus exhibition; that the only visitors who could be depended upon would be residents of the Pacific coast states and territories. The people of San Francisco, apparently thought as we did. Although the novelty of the idea caused it at first to be received enthusiastically, the sober second thought

has got its work in, and there is no more probability that the proposition will materialize now than there is that the eastern churches will talk sensibly on the Chinese question. Indeed, the Chronicle, which was a wild supporter of the project, has given it up. It does not, however, ascribe its failure to the defects inherent in the scheme; but to the parsimony of the men of means of San Francisco, who feared that their pockets would be bled too freely to get it under way. There is, of course, a great deal in this; but there is also much in the impractical character of the proposition.

AFRIGTHFUL DISASTER AND A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.

The disaster which occurred yesterday morning in Washington is calculated to inspire people with the belief that there is a great deal in luck. It was a principle with the First Napoleon never to place any trust in an unlucky man; and he, like Caesar, was a believer in his star. With most persons who care to give their impressions to the public there is an affection of contempt at the mere suggestion of the fortunes in human affairs. And yet there is really something peculiar in the coincidence that, on the day Edwin Booth was buried, the building in which his brother assassinated President Lincoln should collapse and crush many of its inmates to death. The person who would regard such a spot as unlucky would not need to be imbued with any very great amount of superstition. The hoodoo would seem to flourish around it in fatal luxuriance, to entwine itself as a network and to send forth warning exfoliations, that would lead one to avoid it as though it were a very Upar tree.

It is a little over twenty-eight years since John Wilkes Booth, the younger brother of Edwin Booth, sped his fatal bullet through the brain of Abraham Lincoln. It was on the night of Good Friday, and a great many superstitious people thought mistrustfully of the attendance of the presidential party on such an anniversary. Mr. Lincoln, however, was a man of very liberal sentiments in matters of religion, and he doubtless highly exulted at the happy ending of the war. The long strain had told severely upon him, and he probably felt the need of a little relaxation. No dream of assassination marred his enjoyment of the play, and the crack of Booth's pistol was doubtless never heard by him, though it aroused a whole nation to frenzy.

The building whose crumbling entombed so many people yesterday was not the identical theater in which Booth assassinated Lincoln. That was burnt down some years after the tragedy and was rebuilt on the old site. The associations connected with the damnable taking off of the martyr president proved too much for it. When the writer saw it in 1887 it was being used for some sort of business purpose, the precise nature of which does not now occur to him. It was afterwards converted into a sort of annex to the pension bureau, to which use it was being put when the catastrophe of yesterday occurred.

To appear that the writer was owing to excavations that were being made under the building. This would look as if there had been criminal carelessness on the part of those who had the excavations in charge. Doubtless in converting the edifice from a theater into a department annex it was materially weakened, some of the supports and buttresses being removed and not being replaced. It appears that the building had been condemned, but that, notwithstanding, the lives of five hundred and thirty-five people were daily jeopardized in its rotten walls. But that the building should collapse on the very day of Edwin Booth's funeral is one of those unaccountable coincidences for which no one can furnish either a reason or a theory. There is no moral available from the casualty that an ordinary man can see. It simply happened that way. In view of the occurrences twenty-eight years ago and yesterday very few people will desire to make their habitat in the building which may be erected to replace that which fell down yesterday.

THE COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX LIST.

The county delinquent tax list, which was published in the HERALD Thursday makes fifteen pages. This is not only a reduction in size of the lists that have been published since the time of the collapse of the boom, but the aggregate amount of the unpaid taxes is a great deal less than it has been for several years. A close inspection of the list will show that a very large percentage of the items consists of subdivisions of tracts that were laid out for towns in the boom days, and should have long since been turned back into acreage property. A glance at the columns will show the bulk of the taxes to range from 50 cents to \$1.50, there being very few pieces that are delinquent rising into the \$20 range. On the whole, this list speaks well for the prosperity of Los Angeles county. It shows that the people have got over the days of pinch, and are paying their taxes with commendable promptitude. Indeed, the value of realty is advancing so healthily and so steadily that the owners cannot afford to take any chances of getting it into chancery by letting it go to tax sale. There is no such thing now as to be land poor.

The delinquent tax list, as presented to the public this year in the HERALD, is in its typographical features far more artistically set up than it has ever been heretofore; it is printed from brand new type, and the figures stand out in bold relief so clear that there can be no mistake about them. The arrangement of the list is unusually convenient for ready reference to any piece of property the taxpayer may wish to find, the indexes at the end of each volume having been very carefully prepared. This improvement is due to the tax collector's office, which, under the able and intelligent administration of General F. E.

Hewitt, is conducted in a way to give the public a better service in this department than it has had in the past. The list will form an appendix to the issues of the HERALD of the 16th, 23d and 29th of this month.

The council have taken the most sensible course with reference to the lands proposed for the headworks of the projected water system for the city. If the bond suit goes against the municipality the land will not be needed for years, if at all, and the suit can be discontinued at any time. When it was suggested to the council, at the time the question of appropriating \$30,000 to purchase this land was up, that the city could proceed by condemnation suit to secure whatever land was needed for the water system, those in favor of closing the transaction at once claimed that such a suit might be held in the courts for years, and would prove too tedious a course to pursue. We know that an impression to this effect has gained ground because it took the city fifteen years to open Los Angeles street. The reason why so much time was spent in that suit was because there were so many adverse parties and interests in the contention, and because there never was harmony of action by the city on the subject until towards the end. But there is no reason why there should be more procrastination in condemning land for a public purpose for the city than there usually is in similar suits by railroads for right of way. The City Water company's contract has five years to run yet, and there is surely time enough to put through a condemnation suit long before that contract expires.

ALL TALK of using federal troops to keep the gates of the White City closed on Sundays is mere leather and prunella. Such a manifestation of federal authority would be greeted with displeasure by the people of the United States. There was a very offensive manifestation of the spirit of militarism in that city in 1871, on the occasion of the great fire, when General Sheridan undertook to run things with a high hand. Gen. John M. Palmer was at that time the Republican governor of Illinois. Although a gallant soldier, and then a Republican, he would not brook Sheridan's overriding the civil authorities of the state. His vigorous protest did much in laying the foundation of a popularity that has never known waning since. It may be safely assumed that with Grover Cleveland as president of these United States the bayonet will cut a very small figure in any controversies about the world's fair remaining open or shut on Sunday. The right of the people of Chicago to keep Jackson park open on all days of the week cannot be disturbed by a United States court, and is not likely to be disputed. As to the opening of the exposition buildings, that is a horse of a different color, and will undoubtedly be adjusted without any offensive manifestation of militarism. The man or men who would resort to a display of brute force in this matter would be damned forever with the people of the United States.

The Murphy family are airing a great deal of their soiled linen in an Oakland court just now. Mrs. Murphy was killed in the terrible Oakland narrow-gauge railroad accident at the First-street bridge over a year ago. She was the widow of Daniel T. Murphy of the San Francisco house of Murphy, Grant & Co., and her estate is valued at about \$300,000. She had made a will in which she left all her property, share and share alike, to her three unmarried daughters. The suit is brought by Lady Wolsley of London, a married daughter, and one of the brothers. Some very tricky letters have been made public at the trial, in which several of San Francisco's leading society people are talked of in a way to make them appear very ridiculous. One lady, who cuts a broad swath as a leader of the ton, is saluted to as a person whom the mother Murphy could not well recognize because she had been her servant girl in the early days. The trial is bringing out skeletons from the family closet that may be rich reading for the public, but very humiliating exposures for the divided household. We should judge from the testimony brought out that the Murphys, with the London taxid extortion, were anything but a happy family. It looks as if the old lady's will will stand in spite of the assault made upon it from over the water.

FOUR TRAINS DAILY.

The Southern Pacific company will take charge of the San Gabriel Rapid Transit road on Monday. Train Dispatcher Hamilton has been busy lately arranging the time table, which provides for four trains, which will all be run into the Arcade depot. The line from Ramona to Aliso street will not be operated except sufficiently to hold the right of way and franchise. In view of the above, the following extract from the Times of yesterday will serve to show how perfect the science of how not to give the news observed in the railroad department of that paper.

"The way some newspaper writers are 'giving away' the secret intentions of the Southern Pacific company looks like an appalling breach of confidence or sublime imagination. For instance, take that long-since-anticipated purchase of the San Gabriel Rapid Transit road by the Southern Pacific, which the Los Angeles paper [the HERALD] claims to have exclusively reported as actually consummated many weeks ago. As a matter of fact the negotiations for this deal are not yet closed, though the date when the transfer of control was to occur is but three days distant. Certain sections of the news of the 10th inst. are said to be dissatisfied with the terms proposed in the desired deal, and the ownership cannot be changed until they are willing to agree to it. That the Southern Pacific will get the road no one will deny, but as to this writing it has not seemed fit, according to the statement of an official who is in a position to know. The uncertain state of affairs has induced the owners of the Rapid Transit to ask the Los Angeles Herald's company to continue to operate the line to Monrovia for a short period after the termination of the lease, which is the 12th inst. What the Southern Pacific will do with the road when it is finally obtained is a mere matter of guess work at present."

The only "guess work" is that of the Times writer. The road will be extended exactly as outlined recently in the HERALD, being continued to Pomona, Chino and Riverside, and forming part of the three loop system to Redlands. NOTES. General Passenger Agent Thompson of the Southern California railway has taken his office in the Phillips block. The Squirrel Gun club in the San Bernardino mountains will today entertain a company of those spirits, including General Manager K. H. Wade of the Southern California railway. President Dan Freeman of the chamber of commerce, President A. Dolph Wood of the Arrowhead Reservoir company, Chief Engineer Fred Perrie of the Southern California railway, and others. The affair will be a symposium of wit, goodfellowship and jollity. Recently the Southern Pacific Railroad company issued a cut rate of 60 cents for goods in carload lots and 70 cents for less than a carload, from seaports to Los Angeles. The Redondo Beach railway is immediately retailed by lowering the rate to 50 cents flat.

COMPANY A TO SHOOT TOMORROW—No Pastors to be Fined.

Company A has been ordered to report at the Downey avenue range at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning for the state semi-annual target practice under the supervision of Capt. J. B. Franklin adjutant of the Seventh infantry N. G. C. Successful shooters will be rewarded by medals from the state, while men absenting themselves will have to explain satisfactorily to the state authorities why they should not pay the minimum fine of five dollars imposed under the law.

A FAMOUS MEDICINE.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has become famous for its cures of throat and lung diseases. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping coughs, and is the most effectual remedy known for these diseases. Mr. C. B. Main of Union City, Pa., says: "I have a great sale of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I warrant every bottle and never have a customer failing to give entire satisfaction." 50 cent bottles for sale by C. F. Heinemann, 222 N. Main.

THE COURTS.

A complaint was filed yesterday by Wimer et al. vs. shoulders, treasurer, et al. It is a suit for an injunction to restrain the sale of certain property under a street assessment. Mrs. Fannie Gilbert was granted a divorce yesterday by Judge McKinley from George W. Gilbert, on the ground of failure to provide.

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB.

Paper by Margaret Collier Graham on Sydney Lanier. The guests of the Friday Morning club yesterday were Mrs. Franklin Agnew, Mrs. Geo. V. Wright and Mrs. Edgar R. Wright of Pennsylvania, Mrs. R. H. Hagan of Massachusetts, Mrs. L. Threlkeld of Kansas City, Miss Mamie Patrick of Ohio and Mrs. M. H. Merrill of Los Angeles.

The subject before the club was the poet and musician, Sydney Lanier, who lived in a realm of ideal serenity, and whose life was as sad a struggle as the history of genius records. The paper read before the club was by Margaret Collier Graham of South Pasadena. Mrs. Graham is well known to the public through her charming stories in the Atlantic and the Century magazines of recent date. Mrs. Graham said Sydney Lanier was a representative poet, a type of one phase of poetic creation. It was necessary to consider his life because of its bearing on his poetry. She then briefly outlined his life, his intense passion for music, the touching and pathetic beauty of his short career and his early death at 39.

The paper was interspersed with many bits of poetry—fragments full of spiritual truths and beauty; selections from Hymns from the Marshes, Sunrise, The Waving of the Corn, Struggle, and others. The intense earnestness with which Lanier invested his art held him in thrall to the highest ethical ideas. He strove to make poetry do what painting has done better, and to make it do what only music has hitherto done. This "supreme conjunction" between the poet and the artistic gives to Lanier's poetry its distinguishing characteristic. Besides Lanier's poems he wrote Tiger Lilies, a novel; the Science of English Verse, Florida and general books for boys.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

George Green Falls and Fractures His Skull. A distressing accident occurred at 4:30 yesterday morning in the California stable, 373 North Main street. George Green, who was employed there as a stable hand, while dressing fell through the window of his room and struck the floor of the barn, about 10 feet below. He was picked up at once, and, although perfectly conscious, the blood which welled from the right side of his head proved that he had been injured severely. Dr. Cole was at once summoned, and on arrival found the injured man's skull had been crushed in and was pressing on the brain. After dressing the wound as well as possible under the circumstances, the physician sent him to St. Paul's hospital. When Green arrived there he lapsed into unconsciousness, in which condition he still remained at a late hour last night. Very little hope is entertained of his recovery.

Green was a most reliable, sober and industrious man. He was about 38 years old, and it is believed was a native of Ohio. He had been connected with the California stables for some time, and was well known in this city, having been in the employ of P. L. Buddinger for two years, and previously with Wiley & Greeley of Pasadena for four years. The floor of the room he occupied in the stable adjoins the middle of a window which opens into the street, in which window Green was dressing and still under the influence of sleep, he leaned against the window frame, and in so doing slid down over the lower sash into the room below, left an opening through which he fell, striking his head violently against the floor outside and fracturing the brain.

THE OUTLAWS WERE OUT.

Detective Will Smith Tells of the Recent Affair at Visalia. Detective Will Smith of the Southern Pacific company returned yesterday from Visalia, where he was one of the posse which surrounded the house on Thursday afternoon where Evans and Sontag were supposed to be. He says that there is no doubt that the men were not at the house. "I worked my way close up to the place, which is Mrs. Bird's, the mother of Mrs. Evans. When I got close to the house I could hear the women inside laughing and joking, and I knew then that the jugs was up. "In a few moments I saw Eva Evans at the second-story window, and, as she saw the country all dotted with deputies, she commenced to laugh, and she laughed so hard that I commenced to laugh myself. There was no question about our being fooled; the outlaws were not there, and that is all there was to it. The only man in the house was Rev. Mr. Ledford, who was making a pastoral call. "While I was talking with Eva and some others, one of our posse, who was some distance in the rear, accidentally fired off his revolver, and one of those with me remarked, 'I guess that is Evans commencing to shoot.' "Oh no," answered Eva; "if father shoots it will amount to more than that." "The story that Mrs. Evans refused to let Sheriff Kay search the house is false. She readily opened the door and invited him to search the place. There was no cart or buggy in the barn; nothing was there but an old backboard which is used by the family."

PERSONAL.

Lieutenant and Mr. Charles L. Collins will go to Redondo Beach today, having engaged apartments for the season. Mrs. John Bryson, et al. and Mrs. S. A. Bryson and family will leave next Tuesday for a three month visit to the world's fair and places in the east. Falling Hair. Produces baldness. It is cheaper to buy a bottle of alopecia root hair grower than a wig; besides, wearing your own hair is more convenient. All druggists.

MACCABEES TAKE NOTICE.

Saturday and Sunday in the great anniversary celebration at Redondo beach. The Santa Fe will run a special train Sunday, leaving Los Angeles at 8:45 a. m. Regular trains will leave Saturday and Sunday at 9:05 and 10 a. m.; also at 1:30 and 5:25 p. m. This is the official line, so be governed accordingly.

MEDICAL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The commencement exercises of the College of Medicine will be held at the Los Angeles theater on Friday evening, June 9th, at 8 o'clock. There will be interesting addresses, and Meine's orchestra will furnish music. The public are cordially invited. Long Beach and San Pedro. Are reached in the quickest time and most comfortable manner by the fine train service of the Southern Pacific company. Round trip on Saturdays and Sundays, 50 cents.

GRABBER IS AT HOME.

HE PRESIDES OVER THE DESTINIES OF LITTLE FISH AT WESTLAKE. He Will Be the Center of Attraction Tomorrow Afternoon When the Band Plays and All the World Is There.

The calm, blue waters of Westlake park have lately acquired a guardian, who watches over their peaceful expanse night and day. He does not wear the dark blue uniform of the Angel City police force, but one which is much more appropriate, for he is arrayed in habiliments of snowy whiteness. This ever present guardian, in addition to watching human intruders of a predatory nature, takes great interest in the fish which glide and sport in the crystal depths of the lake. He is an extraordinary fellow, this ghostly protector, although he narrowly watches all poachers, he nevertheless always carries a pouch himself, and never fails to replenish it from time to time at the expense of the city.

The advent of this guardian has also instituted a new game among the juvenile visitors to the park, which is at once indulged in by all youngsters. It is called "hunt the pelican," and seems only to increase in favor as the days pass on. This watcher-of-the-day-and-night whom the park commissioners have recently appointed to carry out part of the rules of their board is a large, white pelican, who indolently but incessantly watches, keeping an eye on the visitor and winking the other one at some unfortunate carp below, whose curiosity gets the better part of his discretion and which is only completely satisfied when the capacious pouch of his white friend envelops him.

TUTT'S PILLS require no change of diet.

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THE LIBRARY.

A Few Suggestions as to Some Possible Improvements. The free city library as usual, was crowded yesterday, with many patrons of literature, who kept the young women assistant librarians very busy and showed that an increased liking for enjoyment of a literary character is rapidly taking possession of young and old.

There is one thing however which takes much away from the pleasure of many of the visitors, and adds trouble and annoyance to the attendants who so courteously supply their needs. That one thing is the condition of the catalogue as it at present exists. Its arrangement is of an ancient character, and many of the volumes in the library are not included within its covers. New works on fiction, literature and art are being constantly received and put in circulation, while every day increases the annoyance of both librarians and readers, and renders all liable to vexatious mistakes. The catalogue should be revised, and that should be done quickly and without delay.

There is also a moderate kick concerning the lighting facilities in the reference room. Several evenings ago the light became so dim that most of the occupants were compelled to retire and there was naturally a general howl. It is hoped that the "powers that be" will take a hand in the matter and quickly restore an equitable allowance of illumination for the satisfaction of the late readers. Many persons inquire about the bulletins the library formerly issued, and comment upon their discontinuance. It is hoped that they will soon reappear and that event is looked forward to with anticipation by all.

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