

SHORT STORIES OF THE DAY.

Chamber of Commerce Notes. The following donations have been made to the permanent exhibit within the past few days: Cherimoyos, coffee, bananas, persimmons, from Jacob Miller, Colegrove; apples, pears and figs from Lucerna colony, near Long Beach; artichokes from C. H. Sessons' ranch at Florence; dried fruit from Charles Damerel, Covina; 150-pound squash from J. G. Bates, Burbank; grapes from S. G. Spear, Tropic; pine cones, D. L. Townsend, city; dahlias imperialis, E. D. Sturtevant, city; bananas on stalk, O. E. Roberts, Calhuzza; persimmons, Mrs. P. F. Patterson, East Los Angeles; winter Nellis pears, Stone Eureka apples, orange quinces, P. F. Cogswell, El Monte; crookneck squash, apples and dried fruit from William Van Buckrick, Del Sur. The chamber is grieving for the loss of the big 275-pound squash which fell down yesterday after being on exhibition for six weeks.

The Yatsman Meetings. The evangelist meetings being held at the First Methodist church are increasing in interest. A large number of visiting clergymen from outside towns and other denominations have been in attendance. Rev. Mr. Ball, United Presbyterian, Rev. J. S. Pitman, United Brethren, Rev. T. C. Miller of Santa Barbara, Rev. W. A. Wright and others are among some of the visitors. Last night after the usual song service Mrs. Moffatt sang beautifully. "The Kneeling Captive." Mr. Yatsman spoke with his usual effectiveness and after prayer dismissed the congregation. His meetings thus far have been different from the usual Methodist revivals, in the absence of an altar service and in the fact that he impresses his assertions upon the hearts of the people, expecting it to do the work in awakening the conscience.

New Water Mains. The City Water company yesterday notified the council that the work of laying a 4 inch water pipe on Ninth street between Central avenue and Alameda streets, and upon Eighteenth street between Central avenue and San Pedro streets, would be completed immediately after the arrival of the pipe, which will not be long.

The Railroad Exonerated. An inquest was held yesterday on the body of the lad, Thomas Peck, who was killed by a Santa Fe freight train on Monday at the Downey avenue railroad station. The jury exonerated the railroad company from all blame and brought in a verdict of accidental death.

San Diego's Chief. Chief of Police "Jake" Brenning of San Diego is in the city passing a short vacation. He made Chief Glass' office his headquarters yesterday and witnessed the monthly police inspection in the morning.

MAN EATERS OF THE PACIFIC. Sharks That Are the Dread of the California Fishermen. The true man eater shark as taken on the Pacific coast is known only as a man eater. The shovel nosed sharks are sand sharks, too cowardly to attack even a yellow dog. The 34 foot shark captured by some fishermen of the true man eater variety (Carcharodon carcharias) seemed brave enough and savage enough to attack anything within its reach. This monster's mouth was wide, the teeth long and sharp, with an inward incline. The stomach would hold a full grown man easily and a good deal besides. The fish became entangled in a net off Point Lama. Two boats attacked the vicious creature and finally succeeded in punching an iron into its vitals. The side of one boat was staved in by a blow forcible enough to knock one fisherman overboard. These sharks have been known to attack a small boat, upset it and eat the crewman. A man eater over 42 feet long has been reported from San Diego. The natives are said to live in fear of this awful fish, which already has the record of having eaten six men. It has been shot frequently. The water about it has been discolored with blood. Yet the shark still lives. The tiger shark is as ferocious as the man eater. Another large shark hereabouts is the basking shark. It is taken measuring 15 to 40 feet in length. The skin of one 32 feet long is at Stanford University museum. This skin alone weighs over 1,500 pounds, while the shark's liver produced 180 gallons of oil. These sharks, however, are sluggish, lazy and do not bite people. Their gill rakers are on the whale model. When entangled in a net, they frequently suffocate, as the net restricts the gills.

California fishermen do not consider five foot sharks of much account when from San Diego wharves black sea bass are caught six to eight feet long weighing 300 to 600 pounds. Such fish are common. They are taken on shark hooks and clotheslines. When hooked, the fish is allowed to swim about the bay towing a two inch plank. When he is exhausted, the line is hauled in, and the fish killed with an ax.—New York Tribune.

Lincoln and Stanton. Mr. Dana came up to Washington from Richmond with Grant after the final victory of the Union army. He reached the capital on April 18. On the afternoon of the 14th he received a dispatch from Portland, Me., reporting that Jacob Thompson was expected to pass through that town in disguise, on his way from Canada to England. Stanton was for arresting the commissioner, but he sent Dana over to the White House to see the president about it. Lincoln was in the little closet just off his office, in his shirt sleeves, washing his large hands. "Hello, Dana," he said, "what is it now?" Dana explained that Mr. Stanton had an opportunity to arrest Thompson and thought it ought to be done. "Well," drawled Lincoln, "I think not. When you have an elephant on hand and he wants to run away, better let him run." A few hours later Abraham Lincoln lay unconscious in the little bedroom in the Petersen house opposite Ford's theater. Dana was with Stanton until 9 o'clock in the room adjoining the death chamber. Then he went home to sleep. He was awakened in the morning by a knock at his door. It was Colonel Pelouze, one of the assistant adjutant generals.

"Mr. Dana," said Colonel Pelouze, "Mr. Lincoln is dead, and Mr. Stanton directs you to arrest Jacob Thompson."—Edward A. Mitchell in McClure's Magazine.

Drawing It Fine. Owner of Race Horse (looking closely at scales)—Jiffkins, you are a tripe over weight. Can't you lighten yourself a little? Jiffkins (the jockey)—Got on my lightest suit, sir. Ain't it a bit today and 'ave just trimmed my finger nails. Owner—Well, go and get shaved, you Londoner.

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CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

An Experience Which Decided One Man in Forever Discrediting It. "I do not believe that it is right to convict a prisoner on circumstantial evidence," said a prominent citizen. "Whenever I am inclined to believe a man guilty, I always remember an experience in my own life when, if I had been tried for murder on circumstantial evidence, I would have been proved guilty. Years ago I was living in another city. I was married to my second wife, and it was neighborhood talk that we did not agree on account of property and my children. We had had several quarrels, and our domestic relations were rather strained. My wife became desperately ill of fever, and it left her mind in rather a shattered state.

"She had become well enough one day to go out for a drive, and I of course accompanied her. We lived in a large house alone, and on returning she started up the front steps, and as she was weak I took hold of her to assist her. Just as I did so a former servant girl passed along, and she looked surprised, as my wife suddenly writhed in agony. She had rheumatism, and my grasping her caused her to feel very sensitively my touch and to almost shriek in pain. However, I managed to get her up to her bedroom, on the second story, and after she had lain down I went down to the stable to feed my horse.

"I was out of the house only a few seconds when I heard cries of help and saw several neighbors rush into my yard. I went hastily in the direction indicated, and, to my horror, found my wife lying prostrate under an open window in the side yard. She had fallen on the top of her head and would have had her brains dashed out, but by good fortune her head struck the soft soil of a flower bed. As it was, she was unconscious for several days, and I heard from various sources that ugly reports had been circulated to the effect that I had been seen by the servant referred to choking my wife, and that I had taken her up stairs and had pitched her out the window.

"Of course I knew that I was innocent, but how could I prove it? For weeks I passed through the most awful anxiety that any man ever did experience. The officers were shadowing my every movement, I knew, and I felt that all would be over with me if my wife should die. However, to my great joy, she recovered, and with her own lips told me the whole thing happened. I was at once reinstated in the good opinion of my friends, but sometimes I tremble even now when I think of what a narrow escape I had from being convicted of murder. I tell you appearances are often against the innocent, and this incident has always made me very charitable in my estimates of whether a man is guilty or not."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Bachelor's Fate. A lonely old bachelor in Atchison sat on his porch the other evening, and in his great loneliness and desire to be made much of by one woman made up his mind that he would ask the seventh woman who passed, if unaccompanied by a husband, to marry him. The first was a girl who wore red slippers and black stockings. The bachelor was critical and congratulated himself that he had said seventh instead of first.

The second had a dude by the arm. The third wore glasses and looked coldly at the giggling couple ahead of her. "Might as well go into the ice business," thought the bachelor. The fourth had three children with her and talked about papa as she passed the gate. The fifth wore widow's weeds. The sixth was such a modest, pretty girl of 16 that the bachelor wondered if he hadn't said sixth instead of seventh. Several minutes elapsed before the seventh came into view.

She had a graceful walk, and a nearer view showed she was not bad looking. "Might have done worse," he thought. She stopped as she reached the gate, turned and walked up the path. "By Jove, she is coming to take possession!" said the bachelor. "I have come," said the woman in a voice that somehow made the bachelor's blood chill, "to ask your influence in favor of the constitutional amendment." The bachelor gave a horse yell, threw up his legs and fled.—Atchison Globe.

A Satirical Picture in a Church. There is probably only one church in Britain which contains a satirical picture. It is the little church of South Brent, in Somersetshire. On three oaken pews are carved pictures which were intended to satirize the greed of a certain religious dignitary at Glastonbury. The first picture is a fox dressed in robes and miter and holding a crook in his right paw. In the second picture the fox has been manacled by a flock of geese, and in the third the birds have revenged themselves on their foe by hanging him from the branch of a tree.—London Correspondent.

What He Lacked. "My husband has all the virtues but one," remarked the wife of a struggling young doctor. "What is that?" asked her sympathetic friend. "Patients," replied the young wife.—New York Telegram.

The India Rubber Variety. Guest—Waiter, bring me a steak and some mushrooms. Waiter—Yes, sah. You'll have to wait a few minutes for de mushrooms, sah. They are being used on a steak for another customer jes' now, sah.—New York Herald.

The brother of Ceteaway, according to Rider Haggard, was at one time almost persuaded to become a Christian, but when he was told that he must put away his wives he refused to accept the condition.

The average growth in white oak is only about four one-hundredths of an inch a year.

To tell mushrooms from toadstools, without eating and waiting for results, peel an onion and put it with the fungi while being cooked. If the onion remains white, eat with confidence; if it turns black, eat it not, if you value life.

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HOTEL MEN IN TOWN.

MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION. An Interesting Program to be Commenced To-day—An Excursion, Tally-Ho Drive and Big Banquet Included.

The first annual session of the Southern California Hotel association will be held in this city today. The leading hotel men from every town in this part of the state will be present, and it is confidently expected that they will number 75 members and as many ladies.

A very interesting programme has been arranged for the visitors. The business session will be held in the parlors of the Hollenbeck hotel today at 10 o'clock.

At that hour all reports of committees will be heard and officers will be elected. The afternoon session will comprise the following:

2:40 p. m. Papers on the following topics: Hotel Laws—Thomas Frazee, of the Hotel Lincoln, Los Angeles. 2:50. The Faculty and Kitchen—Mrs. F. W. Richardson, of the Glenwood, Riverside. 3:00. Hotel Advertising—W. E. Hadley, Horton house, San Diego. 3:10. Transportation to and from Trains in Southern California—F. A. Miller, Hotel Glenwood, Riverside. 3:20. The Reliability of Insurance Companies—A. H. Pratt, Seven Oaks Resort, Seven Oaks. 3:30. The Influence of a Hotel in a Community—J. B. Holmes, Hotel Green, Pasadena. 3:40. Courtesy Among Hotel Men—Charles H. Smith, Daily Hotel Grand, Los Angeles.

Ten minutes will be allowed for the discussion of each paper. The speakers will be limited to two minutes each, unless time is extended by unanimous consent.

On evening a theater party will be given at the Burbank, at which all the visitors will be present.

The following programme, issued by the hotel men, will consume tomorrow and Friday:

2:30 p. m. Take Terminal train for Pasadena, arriving there, will take tally ho drive about that beautiful city, stopping at the Fairview for lunch. After lunch resume drive to Alhambra, where electric cars will be taken to Echo Mountain; remain there till dark, then return by electric cars to Alhambra, and by tally ho coaches to Hotel Green, lighted on the way by the great search light; dinner at Hotel Green; entertainment in theater of Hotel Green, with musical programme, and concluding with a dance; remain at Hotel Green all night.

Friday, "Go as you please" during the forenoon, and at your several hotels in Los Angeles in season to be ready for tally ho drive at 2 o'clock p. m. 3:30 p. m. Banquet at the Hotel Westminster, given by the Los Angeles members, assisted by members from Catalina. A number of hotel men with their wives arrived in the city last night. Among those who will be in attendance today, are those given below, together with the hotel at which they will stop: Hollenbeck—Mr. and Mrs. Lynch and daughter; Florence hotel—J. E. O'Brien, the Brewster; W. E. Hadley, Horton house; Mrs. Stewart Kennedy, The Maples, all of San Diego. Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Thorn, Grand hotel, San Francisco; E. P. Donne, Arlington, Santa Barbara; F. J. Crank and daughter, Hotel Rose, Ventura.

Westminster—R. H. Warfield, Manager R. B. and Mrs. Soule and daughter, California hotel, San Francisco; A. T. Everest, Arlington, Riverside; F. W. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, Glenwood, Riverside. United States hotel—Mr. and Mrs. Wellwood Murray, Palm Springs hotel; H. T. Randall, Morena hotel. St. Elmo—M. Peiper and Mrs. Peiper, Oceanide hotel; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, Hotel Tanager, Palm Springs. Riverside—Mr. and Mrs. S. Reinhardt, Santa Monica. Ramona hotel—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Tiedale, Windsor hotel, Redlands; Dr. Chapman, Arrowhead; Fred A. Urban, New St. Charles, San Bernardino.

HUMAN WEATHER INDICATORS. Effects of Atmospheric Changes on the Temperament of Men. A writer in The American Journal of Psychology discusses the subject from the view of common experience and presents some facts that are interesting as well as leading in their directness. He says: "The head of a factory employing 3,000 workmen said, 'No reckoning was a disagreeable day yields about 10 per cent less work than a delightful day, and we have thus to count this as a factor in our profit and loss account. Accidents are more numerous in factories on bad days.

"A railroad man never proposes changes to his superior if the weather is not propitious. Fair days make men accessible and generous and open to consider new problems favorably. Some say that opinions reached in best weather states are safest to invest on."

Other facts are mentioned in the psychological and physiological relations, as: "Weather often affects logic, and many men's most syllogistic conclusions are varied by heat and cold. The knee jerk seems proved to have another factor. It is not strange if the eye, which wants the normal stimulus in long, dark weather, causes other changes."

Temperament is a fundamental factor in sensitiveness to atmospheric changes, that type of it called the mental being the more intensely affected, while the bilious type may exhibit by comparison the more capricious or morbid impressions, says The Phrenological Journal. The mental manifestations, as a rule, however, depend upon the organism primarily. If the culture is good—that is, the faculties have been trained to co-ordinate harmonious action, and the elements that contribute to serenity and self control have been well developed—weather conditions will be well operated like other parts of the environment, and self training will show adaptation, self repression.

The "nervous," excitable, irascible person is he who has not learned to control feeling and expression, and it is he who finds fault with his surroundings and imputes uncanny conduct to them. That there are functional states of the body that predispose one to mental depression or exhilaration we are ready to admit. A torpid liver, a chronic catarrh, a rheumatic joint and even an old corn may render one susceptible to weather changes, the physical ailment producing a nerve reaction that is keenly felt at the spiral centers and may test the spirit. Mind, however, is superior to matter, or rather constituted for superiority. Fairly organized, carefully developed and trained, it will exhibit that superiority by its poise and calmness in circumstances that are disagreeable or painful to the physical sense.

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