

A CLOSE SHAVE

Engineer Velsir's Narrow Escape

A HEAVY FINE IMPOSED

He Will Pay \$100 Into the City Treasury

DISCIPLINE TO BE MAINTAINED

EX-ASSISTANT CHIEF McMAHON ELECTED A DRIVER

The Main Street Paving Matter—Contractors Preparing to Begin Work—Progress of the City Census

Engineer Jim Velsir of engine company No. 4 yesterday escaped decapitation by the skin of his teeth, but he received a lesson in the shape of a heavy fine that will keep him in the straight and narrow path for some time to come.

Besides, the action of the commissioners taken at yesterday's meeting is of special significance to the entire department, as it indicates a general "jacking up" all along the line, and any breaches of discipline in the future will be severely punished.

All of the commissioners were in their places when Mayor Snyder called the board to order, with the exception of Mr. Sablich, who is confined to his house by sickness. Chief Moore was also on hand.

The chief reported that he had received a letter from the factory, saying that the new Babcock hook and ladder truck had been shipped on the 10th inst., and that it was expected to arrive in time for the Fiesta parade.

The chief also reported that ex-Assistant Chief James McMahon was an applicant for a position as driver. The chief stated that McMahon was a good man and his record while a member of the department had been highly satisfactory.

On motion of Commissioner Sinsbaugh the council was asked to arrange for the purchase of all supplies of hardware used in the department under contract obtained under competitive bidding.

The case of Engineer Jim Velsir, of engine company No. 4, under suspension by the chief for drunkenness while on duty, was then taken up and Velsir was called before the board to tell his story.

Velsir stated that he had been having trouble with some of the neighbors the time of the trouble, which had driven him to drink, and he had indulged too freely for his own good.

Commissioner Wells was not disposed to pass over the matter lightly. The case was a particularly serious one, for the reason that Velsir had been before the commissioners several times before on other charges.

The mayor said that the offense with which Velsir was charged was the most serious that a fireman could commit. The property of the people is in their keeping and they should at all times be in a condition to do their duty.

Commissioner Kuhrt, the friend of the old-timers, pleaded hard to save Velsir's official scalp. He did not attempt to excuse Velsir's action, but he thought that a heavy fine would be sufficient in this case.

Commissioner Sinsbaugh thought there were but two courses open—it was either a question of the dismissal of the offender or the imposition of a heavy fine, and he was inclined to think that dismissal would be better for the discipline of the department.

The chief reported that in attending a fire on San Julian street on the 9th inst., Driver J. C. Johnson of engine No. 8 collided with a backboard on San Pedro street and injured the occupants.

Driver Johnson's statements plainly showed that the occurrence was an accident due to the excitement of the occupants of the backboard. The matter was taken under advisement.

North Main street be denied, it not having the necessary frontage. Adopted. William Winslow was granted permission to maintain a blacksmith shop on Alameda street, on recommendation of the chief.

The chief electrician's report for the week ending April 7 was ordered filed. A petition from M. E. Golden for permission to maintain an engine for running a merry-go-round on Spring street during the Fiesta was referred to the chief.

George W. Rushton was granted permission to withdraw his application for appointment as callman. A communication was received from Lane & Hoyt, grocers, stating that Fireman Dunn is indebted to them in the sum of \$24.10 and refuses to pay the same.

W. G. Wilschre appeared and made application for permission to give a confederate display of fireworks and a illuminated exhibition of the play of "Faust." All this celebration is to take place at Pico street and Grand avenue, at the location of the Fiesta tribunes.

Demands and requisitions were approved. A motion passed that the council be requested to transfer \$33 from the general fund to the fire department for coal used in pumping water out of a hole in Boyle Heights, as ordered by the council.

MAIN STREET PAVEMENT

Contractors Ready to Commence Relaying the Asphalt

The contractors for the paving of Main street are about ready to begin the work of tearing up the asphalt surface and relaying the same, as ordered by the city.

The differences between the council and the contractors have been about settled, the final talk having been held last evening. C. L. Powell has been engaged to do the work, and the necessary contracts will probably be entered into today.

THE SUPERVISORS

Annual Convention to Be Held Fiesta Week

The annual meeting of the State Supervisors convention will be held in this city April 19th, 20th and 21st. The convention will be opened by a reception held in the chamber of commerce.

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The convention will consider the questions of horticultural commission hospitals and county institutions, health officers, bridges, roads, sprinkling and many other kindred topics.

East Side Notes

Mr. Dickeon of Texas arrived in East Los Angeles Tuesday evening. He came in answer to a telegram from his sister Mrs. Howell, and will be in attendance at the funeral of Mr. Howell, which will be given later.

Miss Bessie Carpenter and L. H. Hoshfeld will be married at the Dunkard's church this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lilly of the West Side have moved to 123 South Hellman street.

Mrs. J. Willson of Griffin avenue is at home again after a pleasant stay of a few days at Long Beach.

A thimble party was given by the relief corps last Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. McKegg. The time was pleasantly spent in piecing quilts and making aprons.

Miss Lindsky of San Pedro is the guest of Mrs. Lilly of South Hellman street. There will be a double wedding in East Los Angeles this evening.

A TEST CASE

The Los Angeles Lighting Company Preparing for a Fight

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The city council recently passed an ordinance compelling all overhead wires to be hereafter placed underground, and this is the first arrest since it became a law.

The lighting company is said to be making preparations for a legal fight and will test the validity of the ordinance. The outcome will be watched by many with much interest.

Stag Party by the Foresters

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OUR SOLONS

Observations of an Hour in the Senate Chamber

THE FATHERS OF THE HOUSE

HARRIS OF TENNESSEE IS A LENGTHY LANDMARK

Morgan and Hoar Have Each Served Twenty Years—James Smith and Heitfeld

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE HERALD.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The honor of being the oldest senator does not seem to be properly appreciated. That distinction probably belongs to the ex-confederate, Isham G. Harris of Tennessee, but wild horses could not draw from him the date of his birth.

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HOMILY ON ISRAEL'S PASSOVER

The annual celebration of Israel's Passover, which begins on the fifteenth day of Nissan, corresponding with Friday evening, the 16th of April, is a matter of the highest importance, not for the Jew only, but to every one who builds his hopes on the divine inspiration of the Holy Bible.

Every Jew assembled on this day in any of their places of worship bears strong and unimpeachable testimony to the marvelous redemption which was wrought for his ancestors in Egypt. The Passover is exclusively regarded by the Jews as "The Festival of Freedom."

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Directors Meet and Appoint Committees—Pure Food Congress

The board of directors of the chamber of commerce met yesterday afternoon, with the following members present: Messrs. Duque, Forman, Groff, Hooper, Johnson, Klokke, Newberry, Story, Waters, Willard. President Forman occupied the chair.

A communication was read from the chamber of commerce of the state of New York relative to the proposed tariff bill now pending before the senate. It was referred to Director Klokke.

A communication was received from the Golden Rule, the official organ of the Christian Endeavor societies of the United States, relating to the convention to be held by the Christian Endeavor societies in San Francisco in July.

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POLICE COURT NOTES

J. T. Blackburn, the express driver who was arrested by Deputy Constable Quinn a few days ago for raising disturbances on the corners of Third and Broadway, will have a hearing before Justice Owens tomorrow.

MARRIED IN COURT

Smiles Morrison's face beamed with joy yesterday when called upon to unite a young couple in matrimony. The groom was W. G. Huston, the bride, Arathia S. Frowiss, a blue-eyed young lady of 20.

TO CURE A BOLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The California Limited. On the Santa Fe route will run Tuesdays and Fridays until May 25; 71 hours to Chicago; no extra fare. Ticket office, 200 South Spring street.

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IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE DURING THE VISIT.

The chair announced that he had appointed the following members of the chamber as delegates to attend the pure food convention in San Francisco April 20: H. Jevne, H. W. Newbauer, of Craig, Stuart & Co.; C. B. Booth, W. C. Patterson, W. H. Barnard, W. E. Roberts of Cudahy Packing company, Dr. L. M. Powers, A. Jacoby.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CHAMBER FOR THE ENGLISH YEAR:

Commerce—W. C. Patterson, chairman; H. G. Otis, R. L. Craig, R. W. Burnham, J. A. May, J. H. Stewart, J. S. Salkey, George H. Stewart, J. S. Salkey, John D. Hooker, Chafer, K. Cohn, F. A. Gibson, F. L. Baker, W. G. Kerkhoff.

MEMBERSHIP—E. C. Klokke, chairman.

Immigration—T. L. Duque, chairman; H. W. O'Melveny, James C. Kays, T. E. Gibbon, W. D. Woolwine. Lands—F. Q. Story, chairman; W. G. Kerkhoff, Frank A. Gibson, H. Jevne, E. C. Bichovsky.

WAYS AND MEANS—J. R. Newberry, chairman.

Statistics—C. D. Willard, chairman; Harry Brook, W. S. Melick, G. W. Burton, J. M. Elliott. Law—L. A. Groff, chairman; Ben Goodrich, W. R. Bacon, J. W. McKinley, J. A. Anderson.

HOTELS—O. T. Johnson, chairman.

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