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It has been so long since a noticeable strike occurred in Los Angeles that the report of one now in progress came as a surprise. Any clog on the city's industries is deplorable.

The charge is made in New York that "for twenty years the gas monopoly has been operating illegally." Even the most powerful monopoly is likely to encounter a jolt sooner or later.

No doubt there are some people who do not understand clearly the talk about "Frenzied Finance," but the great majority have at some time had frenzied experience over the lack of finance.

Another evidence of the doom of the steam locomotive is seen in the announcement that the Union Pacific Railway company is "installing gasoline motor cars on a number of its branch lines."

There are five eager aspirants for Senator Bard's toga and signs of a long contest begin to appear. It would not be surprising if a deadlock lasts throughout the session, as was the case four years ago.

Later estimates of the number of visitors at Pasadena to witness the Tournament of Roses bring it up to 80,000. That figure is based on the traffic of the railways. It was a great day for Pasadena, "all right."

Certain officials of Toledo have been indicted for defrauding the city, and if convicted they will go to the penitentiary. The reaction of official morality in Toledo came rather suddenly after the death of "Golden Rule" Jones.

The chamber of commerce estimates that the orange growers of Southern California will get \$11,000,000 for their crop this year. That is not as much as the railways will get out of it, but it means twenty-two tons of gold coin for the growers.

The managers of the several senatorial booms at Sacramento begin to manifest uneasiness about the possible appearance of a successful "dark horse." It is not uncommon, in case of a scramble for a bone, for an outsider to get away with it.

Somebody has expressed the sentiment that "no person has lived in vain who has made two blades of grass grow where only one grew before." But what shall be said to the credit of Colorado for growing two governors where there is room for only one?

Think of it! "Because of the severity of the storm policemen were sent out during the early morning hours to rescue persons who had fallen in the snow." That was in New York city this week. Whether "life is worth living" depends largely on circumstances.

The mayor of Portland, our northern urban neighbor, has been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of "failure to suppress gambling in this city." If that grand jury practice should become general it would be difficult to find mayors to serve in American cities.

It was a queer kind of cruelty that a divorce-seeking wife complained of in a local court. The grievance as stated was that the derelict husband "attempted to put an onion in her eye." The report did not state whether the onion was remarkably small or the eye amazingly large.

If all employers would show such consideration for faithful workers as was evinced by the Broadway merchant who gave his employes a theater outing there would be more hope for the industrial millennium when the lion of capital and the lamb of labor shall lie down together.

Now comes another Chicago university professor to the front, this time with the dictum that "man was not divinely created, but was organized through certain chemical action." That may be true of the human race generally, but there can be no doubt that all the professors of the Chicago institution are the especial product of an All-wise Providence.

On taking his place as president of the new city council Mr. Summerland urged the members to be prompt in attending meetings, adding: "That was the solitary defect in the old council." "Solitary defect," forsooth! But "let bygones be bygones." All the public asks of the new councilmen is "the best that is in them," as the mayor says for himself.

Street Superintendent Hanley promptly announces that he will begin his plans at once for the betterment of the city's thoroughfares. He says the expense will be a big item, "but citizens should look the situation squarely in the face." There will be no flinching at the cost on the part of the public with the knowledge that the work will be efficient and gratless.

By the death of Theodore Thomas the country suffers an irreparable musical loss. Thomas did more to elevate music in the United States than any other single teacher. His influence since he assumed the direction of orchestras was both potent and paramount. In New York as in Chicago he stood for the very highest in the musical art, even when it was impolitic and unpopular to do so. Since his stay in Chicago he has cultivated the middle west musically and aroused an enthusiasm which resulted recently in the erection in Chicago of a home for his body of players and himself at a cost of nearly a million dollars. Thomas stood so nearly alone as a musical conductor in this country that there is no one to replace him. His name is so much a household word that his death will be felt as a personal loss by every musician and music lover.

SYSTEMATIC SCHOOLHOUSE EXPANSION

One of the most apposite suggestions in the mayor's message relates to provision for maintaining at all times adequate accommodation for the city's public school pupils. The haphazard way of supplying school buildings only in stress of emergency has long caused inconvenience to pupils and detriment to the cause of education. There has not in many years been sufficient school room, and the additions always have been spasmodic, following the idea that "every day should provide for itself."

A systematic plan whereby school buildings shall be provided in readiness for increasing need is recommended by the mayor in his message. He suggests the creation of "a building fund out of which to pay for the erection of additional schoolhouses every year as they are needed, so that the school department may keep pace at all times with the demands upon it for school room." An incidental suggestion of notable value is that "schoolhouses hereafter erected be constructed of brick."

There is neither reason nor excuse for such expenditures as the housing of Los Angeles school children in temporary shacks and other makeshifts, nor in resorting to half-day instruction in order that all may get to the educational fount. No money is saved by dilatory provision for new school buildings, and the practice of lagging behind with such work is not worthy of Los Angeles.

It is easy to calculate almost exactly what the requirement for additional school room will be in this city year after year. Financial provision should be made ahead to meet such requirement just as methodically as we provide for any other branch of the public service. Every consideration of good business management, as well as of the good of the public school service, demands a businesslike method in provision for school expansion.

The Herald has heretofore urged the general plan now suggested by the mayor and hopes it may soon be adopted.

AN INTERESTING OBJECT LESSON

Even the most abject slave of superstition will hardly insist that the number thirteen always is unlucky. There is an exception anyway when a string of half a dozen figures follows the thirteen, as is the case in the sum total of value of buildings erected in Los Angeles during the year 1904. The exact amount of that aggregate is \$13,409,062. No city in the world of population approximately that of Los Angeles can compare with this splendid showing of buildings within a single year.

To grasp the idea of that building investment suppose the sum named is in view, all in gold coin, the familiar money of California. There would be about twenty-seven tons of the stuff that gave California the name of the Golden State. There would be fourteen double-team wagon loads, with good roads as a condition, for every load would weigh nearly two tons. What a feature such a procession of loads of glittering coin would make in a Los Angeles Fiesta!

Take another method of grasping the idea of that total expenditure for buildings. About one-half the sum went to the erection of homes—buildings of one story, a story and a half and of two stories. The number of such structures erected in the city during 1904 was 4544. Probably there were no more unoccupied dwellings in Los Angeles at the end of the year than there were at the beginning, hence it may be assumed that at least 4544 families were added to the population within the year. There would really be more than that, as some of the dwellings accommodate more than one family. Taking the conservative basis of five persons to a dwelling, the total of newcomers would foot up 22,720. Drop the average of occupants per dwelling to four and the total is 18,176.

In the value of buildings represented by permits for the last month of the year we get an idea of what may be expected in 1905. The figure for December was \$1,527,397, at which monthly average the total for the year would have been \$18,328,764.

The cost of buildings erected in Los Angeles during 1905 is likely to go away beyond twenty-seven tons of gold coin.

CONGRESS AND CALIFORNIA

The fifty-eighth congress reconvened yesterday, with just two months of the term remaining. It is understood that the work of the session will be pushed vigorously now until the adjournment on inauguration day, March 4. The brief period allowed for business, taking out the non-business days, will almost certainly cause postponement until the incoming of the fifty-ninth congress of many measures slated for action during the present term.

Of the questions pertaining to local interests in California to be passed upon by congress during the remainder of the session the most important relate to an appropriation for work on Wilmington harbor and provision for additional funds required for the new federal building in Los Angeles. It is estimated that there will be a shortage of possibly \$200,000 in the amount required for the federal building unless the proceeds of a sale of the old postoffice site are added to the appropriation already made by congress. A bill is pending authorizing the sale of the old site for the benefit of the new project, and the outlook is favorable for its passage.

It is a subject of great importance in the general work of harbor improvement at the port of San Pedro that Wilmington harbor, which is practically a feature of the general project, be improved without further delay. A strenuous effort will be made to induce the house committee on rivers and harbors to include \$250,000 for Wilmington harbor in its appropriation report. This feature has no connection with the San Pedro harbor improvement now in progress, for the continuance of which adequate provision is made.

No tariff tinkering is probable during the session, although there may be an attempt, as heretofore mentioned in The Herald, to impose a tax on the sweet wine product, in which California is vitally concerned. The opposition to that purpose will be so strong, however, that final action is likely to be deferred until the meeting of the fifty-ninth congress next winter.

The territorial statehood bill, in which Californians feel a deep interest, is slated for early action. Opposition to the measure has strengthened lately and there is good cause for hope that the measure will not pass without giving the territories an opportunity to express their own wishes in the matter by popular vote.

There is reason for suspicion that a fair percentage of the nocturnal hold-ups in this city, the descriptions of which are vague, exist only "in the mind's eye" of the alleged victims. A plausible subterfuge to account for the loss of money may "come handy" in some circumstances.

A Washington paper says "some folks are planning to have a high time at the inaugural ball and others count on having a highball at inaugural time."

Social Diary and Gossip

BY GRACE GRUNDY

"The word 'politeness' carries with it a hidden meaning of elegance and of the ease that is acquired by mingling with one's fellows," says Margaret Sangster in "Good Manners for All Occasions," published in the Christian Herald. "It springs from the Latin polito (smooth), and smoothness is gained not by seclusion, but by the attrition of the city, by the reciprocity that needs must be exercised where people meet one another often, and there must be mutual concessions that there may be peace and agreeable living together."

"A rough diamond is valuable, of course, but its value is greatly increased when the tool of a cunning workman has brought out its beautiful possibilities, shown the immortal fire under the shining surface and made every point a star. A man who thrusts his knife into his mouth or sticks a piece of bread on the point of a fork into the platter of roast meat or chicken may have every virtue in the calendar, yet the fly in the pot of ointment spoils the sweetness of the whole. He offends the accepted canons of good society."

"A subtle distinction exists between manner and manners. The first is often inherited; it is made up of innumerable little peculiarities that belong to the race and family. In a well known romance the hero is a man well born and of aristocratic traditions, but illiterate and unversed in the ways that had been the natural expression of character in his family for generations. He is a day laborer on the soil that was once his and that has been wrested from him by fraud. Yet though his manners are sometimes flawed by ill temper and discontent, his manner is noble. It is the grand manner of his father. Manner shows what spirit we are of. It is the temper of the steel. Manners have to do with our daily conduct. A man or woman who is familiar with etiquette to the least detail may have an awkward, defiant or self-conscious manner that will be a fearful handicap in business success and detract from the enjoyment one may look for in hours of leisure."

Mr. and Mrs. William Parrish Jeffreys, nee Hubbell, announces that she will not be at home during the month of January but will receive on Fridays during February.

Mr. and Mrs. George Guild Guyer have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Lillian Sara, to Freeman Ames Ford, to take place Wednesday evening, January 18, at All Saints church, Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Braun and daughter are at Coronado.

Miss Bri Conroy is visiting friends in San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Van Nuys was hostess Monday evening at a theater party in honor of Mrs. John W. Dwight of New York, who, since her advent here, has been more entertained than most chance visitors. The affair was at the Mason and among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Solano, Miss Margaret Sweet of Buffalo, N. Y.; Miss Horstene Childs, Miss Annis Van Nuys, Will Wolters, Walter Van Peit, William Carey Marble and Bent Van Nuys. Following the performance supper was served.

That discerning clubwoman, Miss Helen M. Winslow of Boston, has framed a fresh set of New Year resolutions for her kind that deserves a larger list of adherents than its local publication can insure:

"Whereas, We are all human and, therefore, love gossip, let us resolve: "That we will cultivate a spirit of love and patience for every other woman in the club, as we wish it cultivated for us."

"That if we hear a word of criticism on another member, her words, actions or dress, we will not repeat it."

"That we will not answer such criticisms, except to say something good of her who is assailed."

"That we will make our club a place where helpfulness and kindness go hand in hand."

"That the 'Golden Rule' is just as good a guide in club life as it is in home life, and that we will adopt it and practice it."

When Pauline Periwinkle, the breeziest woman's club writer in the United States, read Miss Winslow's resolutions, she said:

"There is but one fault to find with the foregoing, and that is it limits the application of this helpful spirit of charity to club sisters."

"What's the matter with treating every woman with the same consideration we give those who are club members? Far be it from us to ever grow so narrow-minded and Pharisaical as to disregard the rights and feelings of any one just because she 'doesn't belong to our club.'"

"True, we may feel a warmer attachment for the women with whom we associate intimately from week to week. That is not because they are any better or because we are any better than those who don't belong to any club at all. We simply admire what we have come to know well, and did we have the same opportunity for 'getting next' to more of those whom we meet only casually, we would find doubtless quite as many admirable characteristics ready to respond to the touch of real sympathy and understanding."

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holmes of 312 Boyle avenue had as their guests last evening members of the Five Hundred club at their regular fortnightly meeting. The membership list, which is made up of Boyle Heights residents, includes Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Work-

GOOD ONES

Dramatic Criticism. An elderly woman who witnessed a production of "The Merchant of Venice" many years ago went again recently to see the story of Shylock played. Upon her return home she was asked how she liked it.

"Well," said she, "Venice seemed to have spruced up some since the last time I saw it, but Shylock's just the same mean, ordinary thing he was forty years ago."

Another was thus interrogated: "Well, Mrs. Hopkins, how did you like the play of 'Hamlet?'"

"A beautiful play! So full of quotations!" said Mrs. Hopkins sententiously.—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Trimmer. During the American-Bar association's convention in St. Louis President James Hagerman talked one afternoon about trimmers.

"The trimmer," he said, "would be all right, perhaps, did he not always trim too much. I have never seen a trimmer yet who did not remind me greatly of old John Thompson of Clairmont."

"Thompson of Clairmont had hesitated so excessively all his life long that he had never accomplished anything. He had never dared to do a positive and downright deed. Finally he came to die, and the minister called on him."

"The minister and Thompson talked together a long time. At the end the minister said: "Now, John, do you renounce the devil and all his works?"

"Oh, sir," said Thompson, weakly, "don't ask me that. I am going into a strange country and I don't want to make myself enemies."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Inference. It was on a crowded street car. The conductor gave two jerks at the bell rope.

As he did so, a shrill voice from the rear of the car yelled: "Wait till I get me clothes on!" The men on the platform turned as one man and looked. The women turned as one woman and looked—the other way.

But there was no cause for shock. The washerwoman's little boy was endeavoring to get his big basket on the back platform.—Exchange.

The Bears. "In our country," said John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, the Democratic leader of the house, "the people who edit the newspapers have to be mighty careful how they put things. Now, there was an editor down there who wanted to write a nice piece about a schoolma'am who had just finished her fall term at the local schoolhouse. He wrote some compliments and wound up with a reference to 'the reputation for teaching she bears.'"

"Next day that schoolma'am chided that editor up the street with a club, and at every jump she yelled that she never taught a she bear in her life."—New York World.

Couldn't Pass It On Him. The street car conductor looked at the coin and handed it back.

"That's no good here," he said. "Didn't you ever see one of those before?" said the passenger. "It's a silver half dime, and it's sixty-seven years old. I've got tired of carrying it as a pocket piece."

"Have you got anything else?" "Nothing but a \$10 bill."

"I thought so. I'll change your bill, all right, but you can't work off no snide currency on me."

Thereupon he fished \$9.95 in change out of his various pockets, handed it to the passenger, took his \$10 bill, rang up the fare, and went out on the platform to tell the motorman how a smooth chap inside that wasn't a day over 45 had tried to work a con game on him with a piece of stage money he claimed to have been carrying for sixty-seven years.—Chicago Tribune.

COL. LYNCH'S CHRISTMAS

Veteran Journalist Remembered by His Friends. So reserved and resigned has been Mr. Joseph D. Lynch since the vicious blood poisoning set in, nearly a year ago, that deprived him of a leg that had many a time helped carry the veteran journalist to or from Santa Monica, that even many of his most intimate friends have lost sight of him, although he is at present practicing upon a cork leg presented him by Mr. C. Desmond as a Christmas present, who gave him also a fine long dressing gown. That there are many who keep the former owner and editor of The Herald in their minds it may be mentioned that Isaias W. Hellman sent him a check for a hundred dollars as a Christmas present; George Rice, who has shown himself a brother since the day Mr. Lynch was taken to the hospital, sent him some books and cigars; Major Ben Truman took him a Christmas dinner, replete in all its savory devices and detail, and numbers of others saw to it that the Nestor of southern California journalism was not forgotten during that radiant season when it is believed that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

By the way, Colonel Lynch has a rare joke on himself that he enjoys and tells to a few. That after he had taken to crutches and left the hospital he sent two pairs of trousers to a tailor with the proper instructions to take off a certain leg of each pair a little below the knee. But what was the horror of the colonel to find, upon trying them on, that the wretched knight of the goose had taken off the wrong leg of each garment.

It reminds one of the last story that poor Artemus Ward ever wrote for a newspaper. That after he had been a long time sighing and weeping over the supposed remains of Shakespeare in the old church at Stratford-on-Avon, some good little boy came along and told him that he was at the wrong grave!

prizes for the games with which the company were entertained later in the afternoon. Those present were: Mmes. D. Burkhalter, W. H. Filmore, A. P. Fleming, A. H. Volght, W. C. Hutchinson, Don A. Judd, Jr., W. C. Matthews, J. D. McCauley, A. E. Messerly, Sherman Page, D. G. Peck, S. M. Webster, C. C. De Camp, Miss Dent and Miss Esther Dent.

Happy Gathering. A happy gathering of little folk was arranged recently by Mrs. Leo Mayer at her home at 833 Alvarado street for her little son, William Purcell Mayer. Fourteen children were in real toyland. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree, with all kinds of playthings around it, on a large table, which had as a centerpiece a sled drawn by two deer with Santa himself as driver, served to amuse them. Many games were played, among them being the nut hunt.

Una Whist Club. The Misses Gude entertained recently the members of the Una Whist club at their home, 1021 West Seventh street. The afternoon was spent in playing whist, and prizes were awarded, the club prize being won by Miss Brooks, and the guests' prizes falling to Miss Mabel Brousseau and Miss E. Augusta Lamb. Later a luncheon was served from a table upon which a Christmas tree glistened, strung with jolly gifts for all.

Notes From Abroad. Miss Laura Neal and her niece, Miss Virgia Martin of Shelbyville, Ky., are the guests here of Miss Neal's brother, John Neal.

Mrs. A. Munn and daughter, Miss Fanny Munn of Boone, Iowa, are visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spurgeon of Iowa City, Iowa, are spending the winter here.

W. Arch Ryan, who has been spending the winter here, is now visiting friends at Debeque, Colo., before returning to his home in Colorado Springs.

Miss Lina Hawkins, who has been attending school here, left yesterday for Prescott, Ariz., to spend a few weeks.

Mother Fidelia of St. Mary's hospital, Tucson, Ariz., who has been spending several weeks here, has returned home.

JOHN SHIRLEY WARD

Death of a Prominent Resident of Southern California

The death of John Shirley Ward a few days ago removed from our midst a southern gentleman of the old school, and a Californian of thirty years' experience and adaptability. Mr. Ward was a native of middle Tennessee, which has turned out so many men and women of a finished type. He was a young writer in Nashville when the tocsin of civil war sounded, and he was one of the first who went to the front in the Rock City guard, and afterward served as staff officer and correspondent, and was a favorite with all who knew him, partly on account of his daring and intrepidity and partly on account of his splendid literary attainments.

He returned to his beloved city of Nashville after the war, and for a while was editor of the Union and American, and subsequently owned and edited a literary and society paper called the Ladies' Pearl, which he made a superior and successful periodical. In 1887 he married a beautiful and estimable lady of one of the leading families of Nashville, who bore him several children, who are married and living in this city.

In 1873 he came to Southern California and took up his residence in San Bernardino, where he lived until 1885 and where he was successful in ranching, alfalfa raising, honey producing and various other pursuits. And during these twelve years Mr. Ward kept his facile and pictorial pen busy delineating the marvelous beauties of this section, and undoubtedly cajoled hundreds of Tennesseans and others into coming to this lovely land.

In 1885 Mr. Ward and his family came to Los Angeles, where they have since lived until two years ago, when they took up their residence at Manhattan Beach.

If there was one thing to admire more than another in Mr. Ward's character it was that delightful courtesy that distinguished him above most of his fellows, for he was the very embodiment of chivalry and politeness, loyalty and esteem, and was as Chesterfieldian in his intercourse with the weak and the poor as with the rich and the strong. He was a pure-hearted member of the Presbyterian church, but early saw that there were many articles in the confession that were weak, inconsistent, unchristian and ungodlike, and that should be eliminated; and to Mr. Ward more than to Mr. Briggs or to any other great thinker along the same lines is the church indebted for its great triumphs over many years of bigotry and fanaticism two years ago. He was likewise as true as steel to his friends and to his principles, and a loving and loyal husband and an affectionate and devoted parent, and those who knew him well and intimately will never forget his genial personality and many ways.

George T. Lock, a prominent young man of Lake Charles, La., was married recently at Whittier to Miss Della Moss, daughter of A. H. Moss, formerly of Lake Charles.

Dr. Moss is spending the winter at Whittier, and he was accompanied on his journey here by his daughter. It was agreed by the two families that, owing to Dr. Moss' ill health, Mr. Lock would follow her to Whittier and a quiet wedding be celebrated. The young couple will reside at Lake Charles.

Wednesday Drive Whist Club. Mrs. James Smith of 833 Lake street entertained with a luncheon and card party yesterday, having as her guests members of the Wednesday Drive Whist club. A large design of poinsettias marked the center of the luncheon table, the edges of which were outlined with red ribbons, and at the covers were red cards bearing sketches of landscapes. Spoons were awarded as

Miss Irene Bangs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bangs of Oakland, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Van Dyke, of 222 West Adams street.

In honor of Miss Bangs, Miss Inez Clark entertained on Monday at an informal tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Williams of this city are spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Walter Walker of Louisville, Ky., entertained at a large holiday party recently for her sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Taylor Perkins of this city, who are spending a few days in the south en route to Washington.

Kitchen Shower. Misses Hazel, Garnett and Gladys Campbell of Moneta gave a kitchen shower Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Gertrude Cary, who is to become the bride of Joseph Campbell next Wednesday evening. An enjoyable program was rendered, after which light refreshments were served, each guest receiving a favor in the form of a kitchen utensil attached to a tiny red heart. Decorations for the affair were in red and green, smilax and geraniums being combined in the artistic scheme. Arranged in canopy effect over the dining room were ropes of smilax fastened to the chandelier with a huge bouquet of red geraniums and extending from there to the table edges. The guests included Mrs. B. F. List, Mrs. Dunn, Misses Marguerite Cooper, Corinne Heffner, Loretta Buttrick, Leah Stevens, Essie Kempton, Inez Jones, Edna Barnum, Erimanta Rogers, Helen Wood, Lulu Shepard, Delphina Sudie and Beulah Kennedy.

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