

HOLDS UNIQUE POLICE RECORD

NEARLY TWO DECADES ON LOS ANGELES FORCE

Theodore Romans, Enrolled as a Patrolman in 1885, Has Never Missed Roll Call or Been Absent From Drill

Theodore D. Romans, patriarch of the Los Angeles police force, if he is on duty from now until April 13, will have been in the service as a patrolman for twenty years. Up until the present time, and there is every evidence that he will complete his record, Policeman T. D. Romans, since the morning of April 13, 1885, when he started to work, has never been absent from a roll call, has never missed drill and has never received a censure of any kind. It is believed that this record stands alone in police annals.

"Romans is one of the most faithful men on the force," said Captain Auble yesterday. "He has never missed a roll call and has never been late to drill. A record well worthy of emulation by his brother officers. Last Thursday I went up to see the men at their gymnastic exercises and there was Romans going through drill with the rest of the men. I marched him out of line, put another man in his place and told him not to appear for drill again, as he had served his time."

Gray-haired, but straight and stalwart, in spite of his 63 years, Romans is on a day beat over on the east side, and every little child in the district knows "Theo." to be the best policeman that ever went on duty.

He has weathered the days when a change of municipal administration meant displacement for those not of the party that was victor, and has seen a dozen chiefs come and go, but in spite of the changes of time and politics, Romans has gone on pacing whatever beat was given to him and has never said a word.

He is extremely reticent, and although his mind is a storehouse of anecdotes of the days when Los Angeles was young and when they played more faro and shot at each other far more quickly than they do in these days, he is loath to talk for reporters.

From his comrades of the earlier days, however, comes the story of how in 1887 he was one of three policemen to capture a gang of cattle rustlers operating in East Los Angeles, and how at another time for eighteen hours he peered through a crack in the ceiling of a Chinese gambling den and held his post until the raid was made. Thirty-five Chinese were caught and the evidence of Romans made possible a conviction.

"Will you take advantage of your right to resign at half pay?" he was asked.

"That is not for me to say," he replied, "but for the police commission to attend to." Theodore Romans could ill conceal the fact, however, that he hopes to remain on the active list long after his two decades of honorable service is finished.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD WILL HEAR CHARGES

Trial of Accused Deputies in City Assessor's Office Are Set—Question of Time

The civil service commission met yesterday afternoon, expecting to try charges against Oscar Nunnaley, chief deputy in the city assessor's office. Dr. Haynes was unable to be present, and on that account the trial was postponed until Saturday at 1 o'clock.

James A. Noel, Jerome F. Mullen and H. A. Cord, all employees in the office of the city assessor, were cited to appear before the commission at the next meeting to show cause why they shall not be discharged.

The citation to these men is based upon a communication to the commission from R. G. Dominguez in which he claims that all of the men qualified for their positions subsequent to the time fixed by the civil service law when appointees could continue in the service without passing an examination. Dominguez claims that January 23, 1903, was the latest date at which it was possible for old employees to qualify under the civil service law without passing an examination. He claims that the men named in his communication have never taken the examination and that they qualified for their places on January 31, 1903.

S. A. Bentley, an assistant caller in the water department, appeared before the commission and stated that he had been discharged from his position without sufficient reason. The commission set the hearing of the case for the next meeting. The cases of P. H. Grace and J. B. Holloway versus each other were set for the same time.

HINE WILL REMAIN IN JAIL

Law Bars Insane Man's Confinement in County Hospital

W. J. Hine, the counterfeiter who was declared to be insane and ordered committed to the county hospital pending the action of the United States authorities at Washington, was sent yesterday to the Los Angeles county jail.

After the order of commitment had been made it was discovered that the law makes no provision for confinement in the county hospital, and pending the action of the Washington authorities Hine will remain at the county jail.

It is probable that Hine will be sent to the insane asylum at Washington pending his recovery.

HAS PERFECT POLICE RECORD FOR ALMOST TWENTY YEARS



PATROLMAN THEODORE D. ROMANS

WOULD FORCE BOY TO RETURN HOME

NEGRO FAMILY AT WAR WITH COUNTY HOSPITAL

Lad Submits to Amputation of His Leg—Mother Writes Pitiful Note to Her Dusky Son

The parents of a sixteen-year-old negro lad, who is in the surgical ward at the county hospital, have been giving the officials of that institution an exciting time and the father has even gone so far as to threaten to sue the county.

Artist Herbert was knocked down by a train at the corner of Alhambra and Mission road last November and his leg was broken so that the physicians found it necessary to amputate the member above the knee. The operation was performed, but the stump did not heal as rapidly as it should have done and skin grafting was resorted to.

This took longer than the parents of the boy, who live in Pomona, thought that it should have taken and the father came to Los Angeles to find out why his son could not return.

Before going out to the hospital the father, it is said, was sidetracked in a saloon long enough to make him troublesome, and demanded that the boy should get out of bed and go home at once. The physicians said that it was worse than impossible for them to think of letting him get up and a general combat ensued, ending in the appearance of the sheriff and the disappearance of the negro.

"Father went back home and told mamma about coming out here, but he did not say anything about going to the saloon first," said the boy yesterday. "Mamma did not know that he was drunk and she says that I am so used to living with white folks now that I don't care any more about her."

"I don't know what she will say when she finds out that I have had another operation and will be here still longer, for Monday they took two more inches off the bone."

"Here is the letter she wrote me," and he introduced the following epistle:

"Pomona, Cal., the 29, 1904.

"Artist, why did you not come Home with your father you act like one that has not got any cence I guess you do not want to come Home after I have Spent all the money I could get for you and how you Have stop writing to me it is all awright. your father phoned and said that they caught him by the collar and tried to put him out and If you had one grain of cence you would have come away when you knew that they was not treating him awright and he was after you I am coming and I do not want them to do me that a-way I will fix you for not saying you want to come it was all in you are the cause of your father being treated as he was. I guess your getting swell now and wont care for no wan but those white people but it is all awright you will need help again my son and I want you to answer this letter at once, from your mother."

THOUGHT HIM BULL FIGHTER

Demented Mexican Provides Entertainment for Children

Laboring under the delusion that he was a Spanish bull fighter, Cecara Larez, a young Mexican, was yesterday committed to the asylum at Patton by Judge Wilbur in the superior court.

He was found on the street while in the act of going through the antics of fighting in the arena.

A large number of school children gathered around the demented man, and instead of informing him that he was acting in a disorderly manner they applauded his efforts.

The excitement caused by the applause completely unnerved him and he turned on the children and threatened to kill them.

UNDERWRITERS HOLD BANQUET

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION IS GAINING STRENGTH

Large Number of Representative Life Insurance Agents Present at First Annual Meeting Tuesday

The first annual meeting of the Life Underwriters' association of Los Angeles was held yesterday afternoon at the Bristol cafe, and closed last evening with an elaborate dinner, at which about fifty of the sixty members of the association enjoyed the good things of life, related humorous stories and spoke in high terms of the benefits of life insurance and how to write it.

The following officers were elected at the business meeting: H. Haskell of the Home Life, president; W. V. Holley of the Travelers', first vice president; J. W. Whittington of the Aetna, second vice president; Frank F. Pratt of the New York Life, secretary; G. P. Fallis of the Union Mutual, treasurer; the president, secretary and treasurer and W. P. Trumbower of the Connecticut Mutual, W. H. Fisher of the Mutual Benefit, F. N. Coffin of the Conservative Life, J. Meyer of the Aetna and E. C. Guy of the Penn Mutual, members of the executive committee.

J. H. Blagge of the Conservative Life company officiated as toast master. Before introducing the different speakers he alluded to the fact that the Los Angeles association is the largest body of the kind in the country, and was formed for the purpose of bringing the workers and managers into closer relationship to the end that the business of soliciting and writing life insurance may be better understood, and that the fraternity might meet and become more intimately acquainted.

Those who responded to the various toasts which bore entirely upon life insurance were: John Ferguson of the Pacific Mutual, Dr. Chester Lea Magee of Los Angeles, W. V. Holley, J. G. Taylor for the press, Secretary Frank F. Pratt, Dr. G. W. Forrester of Pomona and T. J. O'Kelly of the Conservative Life.

RECONCILED TO MOTHER

Miss Alice Pahl to Be Tried on Charge of Burglary

Charged with the theft of a blue silk dress, pretty Alice Pahl, a nurse, will face a jury in Judge Smith's court today, on a charge of burglary.

Miss Pahl sometime ago was estranged from her mother and went to live at the home of a woman named Brooks.

At the Brooks woman's home a handsome blue silk dress disappeared, and after a diligent search it was found in Miss Pahl's trunk.

The arrest of the young woman followed and Mrs. Brooks will be the chief witness for the prosecution today in the trial of the case.

Since the charge of burglary was preferred against Miss Pahl, the family differences existing between herself and mother have been healed, and when the young woman faces the jury today her mother will be at her side.

SIX CHINESE MUST GO BACK

United States Authorities Order Them to Be Deported

Six celestials were ordered to be deported yesterday by the United States authorities owing to their inability to establish their right to reside in this country under the Chinese exclusion law.

Ng Sing, who claims to have been a merchant at the time the exclusion law went into effect made a strenuous effort yesterday to block the efforts of the officers to deport him.

Under the exclusion law all merchants residing in this country at the time the law went into effect, are entitled to remain.

The court took the case under advisement.

GRANTS NEW TRIAL IN COL. GRIFFITH'S CIVIL CASE

Judge Bledsoe of San Bernardino Hands Down Decision in Suit for Attorneys' Fees

That the now famous \$20,000 fee suit against Col. Griffith J. Griffith will be aired again before the courts of Los Angeles county was made evident yesterday, when Judge Bledsoe of San Bernardino county handed down a decision granting a new trial in the case. In the suit brought by Judge Charles Silent and Judge John D. Works the jury returned a verdict for \$500 in favor of the attorneys.

Subsequent to the verdict, which at the time was commonly regarded as a victory by the friends of Griffith, the attorneys, through their counsel, W. E. Hunsaker, filed a motion for a new trial.

Judge Bledsoe says in his decision that the finding of the jury is in effect a finding against the allegations of the defendant. The court calls attention to the fact that the jury did not take into consideration the special contract pleaded by the defendant, and also that Colonel Griffith had acknowledged that the civil services of the plaintiffs were worth the sum of \$2000.

In relation to the verdict rendered Judge Bledsoe says:

"It is proper to suggest at this time, in justice to the jury which rendered this verdict, that it was a compromise verdict and was rendered by the jury really because the only other alternative would have been a disagreement and a consequent new trial, which the jury apparently was desiring to avoid."

TWO NEW TRIPS ARE OFFERED TO TOURISTS

Pacific Electric Railway Plans Unique Tours of Interest to Los Angeles Visitors

In response to a demand for more ample accommodations for tourists who are desirous of going over the scenic route of the Pacific Electric railway system, two new observation cars will be put into service today. In addition Traffic Manager J. McMillan, who has arranged the trips, promises soon to have another one in service to cover the beach resorts, probably including a fish dinner at Alamitos Bay as one of the incidents of the journey.

The cars which go into service today are the finest yet to be put into use by the Pacific Electric railway. These magnificent cars have a seating capacity of fifty-four persons, contain all the modern conveniences of a Pullman parlor car, and with four seventy-five horse power motors are capable of attaining a speed of seventy-five miles an hour.

The trip called "Seeing the Orange Groves" will include the run to Pasadena from there to Monrovia by way of Lanianda Park, a stop of two hours at Baldwin's ranch; from there to San Gabriel, thence to Los Angeles by way of the new cut off, the Country club and over the Short Line to the Terminal station at Sixth and Main streets.

The second trip known as "Seeing Pasadena and the Canyons", includes stops at the Ostrich farm, Hotel Green, where the car will stop an hour to permit of luncheon and an inspection of the park, then around the city loops and before the return journey is begun an opportunity to inspect Altadena, the poppy fields and Rubio canyon.

MANY ARRESTS SHOWN

Directors of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Meet

The regular monthly report of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals given at a meeting of the board of directors held yesterday afternoon, shows that in the month of November 103 complaints were lodged and 154 cases were investigated. In addition to this 71 animals were relieved, 43 destroyed and 67 suspended from labor. Arrests for the month were 3, resulting in 6 convictions, one dismissal and there is still one case pending. There was only one trial upon a previous arrest and this resulted in conviction.

The December report shows that 30 complaints were registered, 139 cases investigated, 236 animals examined, 79 relieved, 41 destroyed and 53 suspended from labor. Warnings and reprimands were given to 59 persons. There were 17 arrests made during the month and of these 11 resulted in convictions and 6 cases are still pending. One trial on a previous arrest was held in this month also and the offender was convicted.

The African explorer, Shillings, has brought to Berlin an extraordinarily interesting series of photographs of wild animals taken by themselves. His method was to attach to a piece of meat a string, which, on being touched, brought on a flashlight exposure. Leopards, hyenas, lions, apes, zebras and other animals were thus taken in the most diverse attitudes.

CHILDREN SAFE, ASSERTS WARREN

FORMER COLLEGE PROFESSOR RELEASED

Case May Be Set for Trial Today. Wife Unable to Appear on Account of Illness

Horratio Warren, the former college professor and more recently employed as a porter in the barroom attached to the New Southern hotel, who was arrested Monday on the charge of assault, yesterday pleaded not guilty to the charge against him, and the court officials, believing that there is little, if any foundation for the charge, allowed him to go on his own recognizance.

The arrest of Warren followed the receipt of a telegram by Sheriff White from Warren's wife in the east, who asked him to save her children.

Yesterday when Warren was arraigned before Justice Young in the township court, Deputy District Attorney Fleming produced a physician's certificate showing that Mrs. Alken, the complaining witness, was physically incapable of appearing in the case.

Deputy District Attorney Fleming was not inclined to hold Warren in jail under a mere pretense, and asked the court to allow him to go on his own recognizance, which request was promptly granted.

Yesterday Warren said: "I have my own ideas as to the reason for this charge, but as the case is not settled I would ask you to excuse me from answering."

"There is absolutely no truth in the charge against me," declared Warren, and at that moment his attorney, James W. Mays, appeared upon the scene.

When asked as to the whereabouts of his children, Pauline and Gabriel, which is the real mystery in the case, Warren said:

"All I care to say is that they are in a place of safety."

The case will be set for trial today and in the meantime Warren will be given his freedom.

MESSENGER BOYS UNDER POLICE SURVEILLANCE

Officers Assert That Mere Children Are Guilty of Crimes—Intend to Check Vice

Through various cases in the police courts during the past few weeks, it has been learned that misdemeanors of many kinds are prevalent among the boys of the several messenger services of Los Angeles and immediate steps have been taken to take youthful law breakers in charge.

Several weeks ago a number of messenger boys were found in a lodging house on North Main street smoking opium. It has since been learned that many of the boys are opium smokers and are obtaining their "hop" from Chinese merchants of the city.

A fight between messenger boys several days ago in which one man was cut and several bruised and injured was the next outbreak, while Thomas Alford, a 13-year-old messenger of the A. D. T. service of Los Angeles formed the third step yesterday in the chain of offenses charged against the swiftness.

Alford lives at 524 Towne avenue and came under the observation of Detective Jack Walsh early Tuesday morning.

The officer watched the messenger escort a woman under the influence of liquor to her rooms. The woman was known to the police and was said to be no fit companion for a child. The boy was questioned but was sent home and the woman was given a fine of \$5.

STORY CHILDREN ARRIVE

Family of Man Implicated in Double Killing Are in Los Angeles

The three children of Charles Story, the railroad man who shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide at Needles several days ago, arrived in Los Angeles yesterday and were quartered temporarily on Leroy street.

The eldest child is a girl, Elsie Story, 15 years of age. Charlie Story 14 and Nellie Story 10 years of age are the other orphans and they will all be cared for by the Humane society of Los Angeles.

The children will be arraigned before Judge Wilbur today and declared dependent and will then be taken in charge by Officer Webb and good homes found for them.



Thousands of women of every age and condition break down and are brought to the very verge of utter collapse because they have kidney trouble and do not know it. It saps vitality—shatters nerves—makes work or rest or sleep impossible.

Many a sufferer takes medicine for imaginary "female complaints" until she is utterly discouraged and much worse. And yet it is so easy to tell when the kidneys are sick, and so easy to cure them with the right sort of treatment. Prolonged neglect means diabetes or Bright's Disease. How many apparently healthy women there are who begin to find household work a burden; who are constantly "all-tired-out," irritable and depressed, and who suffer often from sick, dizzy headaches, pain in the back and sides, rheumatism and irregular flow of the urine. They are always ailing, but not sick enough to go to bed, and they wait for the spells to pass away. But the cause is still there. The kidneys are sick and work only aggravates the trouble. The kidneys have in some way become congested, irritated or inflamed, and are failing to remove the uric acid and other poisons from the blood. These poisons are attacking the nerves, muscles and vital organs.

Los Angeles Proof

Mrs. Mary Brown of 205 Rose street says: "It is so long ago since I had my first attack of backache and kidney complaint that I have actually forgotten when it took place. During the last five years the aching, if not constant, was always in evidence if I overtaxed myself, contracted a cold or did anything which brought a strain on the muscles of the back. I was continually using medicine or rubbing on liniments and wearing plasters, but I never received any lasting benefit. I never used a preparation which brought as undoubted results as Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Dean's Drug Store."

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