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A CHALLENGE RENEWED

The Herald of October 21, 1904, printed a detailed statement of its circulation, closing with a challenge to the Examiner and Express. That challenge, although repeated at frequent intervals since, has never been accepted. It is in effect that The Herald has a larger circulation in the city of Los Angeles than has either of the newspapers named.

During the early weeks of October The Herald entered upon a house to house canvass in order to determine the circulation of the daily newspapers of this city, and as a result of that canvass it proved that The Herald's circulation in Los Angeles is second only to that of the Times. Since then The Herald has added several thousand subscriptions to its list, and is still farther ahead of the Examiner and Express. The Herald has published the results of its former house to house canvass and is fully advised of all additions since that time.

Hence the challenge is repeated. The city circulation of The Herald is greater than that of the Examiner or Express.

The coldest weather of the season is reported from many cities and towns of the middle west. The "butt end" of the winter is gone, however, and it is only five weeks until the advent of March—"stormy March."

Young King Alfonso should not take his mother with him when he wants to indulge his weakness for automobile breakneck speed. He is slated for marriage ere long, and he will have a mother-in-law to entertain.

In a local divorce case the line has been drawn in the proportion of a husband's wages that should be allowed as alimony. Five-twelfths is the figure for the wife in a case where the husband's earnings are \$12 a week.

After wasting months of valuable time and considerable money, the city is back to the starting point in the sewer brick contract. It will now be necessary to start anew, taking the chances of fetching up at a new snubbing post.

Let us hope that the little czarévitch will pull through in his present struggle with illness. He is entitled to no more sympathy than any other youngster in Russia, but all the world loves a baby and hopes it "may live long and prosper."

How small the ordinary troubles of life appear when compared with the woes of the czar of all the Russias! No matter how much worry an ordinary mortal may have now there is consolation in knowing that there is no regal crown on the wearer's head.

Another theater for Los Angeles is assured, to be housed in a building to be erected especially for it. The number of theaters in this city has more than doubled within the last five years, and still they come. Los Angeles is an amusement loving city, sure enough.

It is said that the senate trial of Judge Swayne under the impeachment procedure of the house may take a month. Probably it will consume not less than two weeks of the brief time left before March 4. There is no longer the least probability of final action on the statehood bill during this session.

The queer spectacle still is presented at Jefferson City of a Democrat running well in the lead for United States senator, although there is a good working Republican majority in the Missouri legislature. Aspirant Niedringhaus, the Republican caucus nominee, is regarded as practically beaten.

The New York orange market is quoted as weak just now, resulting from a combination of causes. The final shipments of the Florida crop are heavy, the receipts from California large and the weather is unfavorable. All these conditions are transitory and a buoyant market is looked for next week.

Versatility of talent serves many a good purpose in the career of a statesman. William J. Bryan has the reputation of being an able lawyer as one of his many gifts, and his knowledge in that line came handy in his case before a Connecticut court this week. It will be strange if his oratory and legal ability combined fail to win the case.

As reported in The Herald's Washington dispatches yesterday, the appropriation bill for rivers and harbors will include \$250,000 for the inner harbor at San Pedro, known officially as Wilmington harbor. The appropriation for the outer harbor, construction of the breakwater, is provided for continuously. Provision will thus be made for pushing the whole work as rapidly as possible of making San Pedro a commercial port of the world.

It is surprising that there has been no legal provision until this time for the protection of foreign buyers of American watches falsely carrying the gold karat stamp. That there is no provision for such protection is proved by a bill recently introduced in congress. It seems to be a common practice to falsify the value of an alleged gold watch by stamping within the case in the usual place this: "U. S. assay, 14K," or whatever the karat fraud may be. The pending bill provides that any such fraud shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by heavy fine or imprisonment. It is a measure in the interest of American honesty and it ought to pass.

THE WORM WILL TURN

This time it is the Broadway Boulevard Improvement association that is "up against" the Los Angeles lighting combine. That association has for months been developing a project for illuminating Broadway through private enterprise of business men and property owners directly interested in the beautiful thoroughfare. Having provided and erected costly ornamental lamps along both sides of Broadway, these business men reached the point of readiness to connect the lamps with the service of the electric lighting combine. Then came the jar, followed by the reaction and the turning of the worm.

It seems that the combine intimated informally to the Broadway association that satisfactory terms would be made for lighting the lamps, presumably taking into account the public benefit derivable from the enterprise. But the opportunity to "clinch" the association seems to have been irresistible as usual, and the rate offered for the lighting service is said to be "in excess of that charged some private consumers in the city." Furthermore, the combine, with the object of clinching the clinch, is said to have demanded a guarantee contract that the lights would be maintained for at least two years at the rate offered.

On hearing this ultimatum the indignant Broadway men showed their grit by starting a project for putting in an independent electric plant, not only to supply the Broadway lamps but the whole downtown business section of the city as well. That this proposition has solid backing is seen in the offers of capital from individuals running up in some instances to thousands of dollars.

Whatever may be the ultimate result of this turning of the worm the effect on the community will be wholesome, and it ought to serve as a timely warning to the lighting monopoly. It means that there is a point at which the patience of Los Angeles people collapses, and that it is bad policy to try the experiment of seeing just how near that point can be approached with safety.

AT LAST THE GOLDEN SPIKE

Salt Lake City is a little ahead of Los Angeles in formal preparation for celebrating the completion of the new railway link between the two cities. The city council of the Utah metropolis has made a start toward a proper recognition of the last act in joining the two cities, the driving of the conventional golden spike. Los Angeles is gently reminded, incidentally, that it is time to take similar action here.

No date has been fixed positively for the interesting golden spike ceremony, but the announcement may come any day now. The workmen at the two ends of the road at the gap are almost in sight, and the final act of joining the ends is only a question of days. That event will occur some weeks, probably, before the road is opened for complete passenger and freight service.

The Salt Lake City council has passed resolutions looking to a fitting observance of the golden spike event. In the preamble allusion is made to the fact that "the completion of the road promises to increase the growth, prosperity and commercial advantages of Salt Lake City and its sister city, Los Angeles." The resolutions provide for the appointment of a committee of five members of the city council "to co-operate with such other committees as may be appointed for a like purpose by other public, industrial or fraternal bodies in this state to arrange for the celebration to take place upon the occasion of the driving of the golden spike." The final resolution provides that "a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the city council of Los Angeles."

It will be noticed that the proposed celebration at the Utah end of the connecting link will not be confined to the municipality of Salt Lake. Reference is made to various state bodies that are expected to participate. As the railway will be an important factor in the development of the whole state of California, and especially the whole of Southern California, the celebration at this end of the line should be as broad in its scope as it will be at the Utah end.

The Los Angeles chamber of commerce and other commercial bodies of this city, as well as the city council, have had the golden spike event in mind for several months. It is agreed by all classes of citizens that a celebration appropriate to the event and worthy of the city should mark the completion of a work that will have a most potent influence in the development of California. But if the plan of celebration is to be as broad as the one outlined in Salt Lake an early start should be made in preparing for it.

The sister city at the other end of the link has taken the first step toward a fitting observance of its connection with Los Angeles, and this city will respond promptly by similar action.

THE COMING ILLUMINANT

A scientific publication of recognized trustworthiness holds out the hope that a cheap and in every way desirable substitute for the present Jay illuminating gas will be available in the near future. It is not a new discovery that is noted, but the improvement of an old one that promises to revolutionize the gas service. The new product is known as acetylene gas, and the first attempt to introduce it commercially was made about a dozen years ago. Certain objections to it, including the element of danger, caused it to make but little progress as an illuminant in competition with the old-fashioned gas.

According to the publication referred to, however, there are now in France more than 40,000 plants for the production of acetylene gas. Comparatively few thus far are used in the lighting of towns, but the system is growing rapidly in public favor. Most of the plants are employed by individuals and business concerns for lighting dwellings and stores.

It is said that in the manufacture of ordinary illuminating gas acetylene is used more or less to "enrich" the product, as it is called in the business. In France, however, it appears that the acetylene is mixed only with air in the manufacture of the gas that is so popular in that country. It is described as giving a beautiful light and it is produced so cheaply that it is looked upon as the coming substitute for the kind that now is so unsatisfactory.

Whether the gas of the future shall be of the acetylene kind or something entirely new there is good reason to believe that the days of such gas service as Los Angeles endures are nearly numbered. It has been said quite truly that discovery and invention always come to the aid of man in case of general necessity. The need for a quality of gas fit to use, together with a service tolerable in a civilized community, has long been a crying necessity in Los Angeles.

Every tourist who arrives in Los Angeles is eager to visit Chinatown, unless he has previously gratified such desire. The experience incident to such a visit is interesting just once. Like some medicines advertised, "one dose is sufficient." For the sake of visitors to Chinatown, as well as of the public health, that unsavory section of the city should be made at least clean enough so that it will not "smell to heaven," as it does now.

Social Diary and Gossip

BY GRACE GRUNDY

Among the distinguished visitors on the coast this winter are Mayor and Mrs. Carter Harrison of Chicago, who, accompanied by their little daughter, arrived on Tuesday and are domiciled at the hotel Redondo for the winter. The visit is made for the benefit of Mayor Harrison's health.

Yesterday afternoon and evening the rooms of the new California club presented a scene of brilliancy, the occasion being the reception given by a trio of popular matrons, Mrs. Granville MacGowan, Mrs. Walter Newhall and Mrs. William May Garland.

Effective decorations were of potted ferns and palms in the reception rooms, while in the dining-room on the upper floor an artistic array of pink carnations was used.

Mrs. MacGowan wore a lavender silk gown and Mrs. Garland was dressed in gray spangled silk. Mrs. Newhall's becoming costume was of pale green. Those who assisted in receiving were Mesdames M. L. Hinman, M. A. Briggs, Joseph Foxton, William Fritcham, John E. Plater, H. L. Macneil, Mary Longstreet, J. H. Utley, Henry W. O'Melveny, George J. Denis, Hancock Banning, M. A. Wilcox, W. E. Dunn, John G. Mossin, Randolph Miner, J. C. Drake, Dwight Whiting, James Von Schmidt, Michael J. Connell, Jaro S. Slauson, Kate Voebrug, Frank S. Hicks, Margaret Hobbs, Percy Hoyle, Milo Potter, W. S. Porter and H. A. d'Acheul.

A number of the girls of the younger set are planning to give a series of dances at Cumnock hall this winter, the first one to be given on Thursday evening of next week. Among others who are interested in the affair are Misses Alice Wynne, Mary and Lucy Clark, Edith Campbell, Mabel Bowler and Irene Kelly. There are a number of others and the girls propose to make the dances jolly features of each month.

Miss Hermeline Marmont entertained with a hearts party last Thursday afternoon for Miss Stella Donegan. The house was decorated with strands of yellow crepe paper, smilax and wedding bells. After refreshments the hostess brought in a package, in which, when unwrapped, was a trunk gaily decorated with hearts, bows and bells, revealing an array of lovely spoons, a souvenir from each guest.

Miss Grace Whitsell won the first prize, a burnt leather banner, and Miss Clark the consolation, a china shoe filled with rice. The invited guests were: Misses McCabe and Plunkett of Toronto, Canada; Byrd McLain, Grace Whitsell, Helen Salisbury, Luella Cook, Carmelita Trociani, Catherine McCormick, Della Fahey, Clara Kubel, Nell and Mary Reardon, Margaret Quinn, Loretta Clark, Florence Marmont and Mrs. A. C. Getty.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Solano of 2395 South Figueroa street gave a dinner Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Alfred Suro of San Francisco, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Newmark, of 927 Beacon street. A graceful arrangement of pink roses and ferns brightened the table, and besides the host and hostess and their guest of honor covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Newmark, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Miner, Miss Margaret Sweet of Buffalo, Miss Elizabeth Wolters, Henry Newmark, Will Wolters and Frank Brown.

Mrs. William A. Peterson and Miss Louise Nixon Hill of Chicago were guests of honor yesterday afternoon at a delightful "at home" given by their sister, Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of 1107 West Adams street. Miss Hill, who has devoted the last year and a half to the study of voice culture, entertained the company with several well-rendered selections, and there were vocal and instrumental numbers by other guests. Mrs. Cowles was assisted by Mrs. M. E. Cowles, Mrs. T. Clarkon Hill, Mrs. M. B. Smith, Mrs. Allen Hill of Minneapolis, Miss Wenona Huntley and the Misses Anna and Gertrude Hill.

Mrs. A. A. D'Archel and Miss Hattie Saunders of 1109 West Adams street have cards out for a tea to be given on Tuesday afternoon, February 1. A large number of guests have been invited, and as Mrs. D'Archel and Miss Saunders are always charming hostesses, doubtless the affair will be one of the most enjoyable of a week full of festivities.

Miss Margaret Stewart of San Francisco, who has been Mrs. Henderson Hayward's guest for the last week, expects to return to her home in the north today. Miss Stewart has just returned from a trip around the world and is now on her way to her home. She is a charming girl and has made many friends here during her short stay.

Mrs. William Parish Jeffries of Arapahoe street is planning a theater party for next Saturday afternoon, to be given for Miss Margaret Sweet of Buffalo, N. Y., who is Mrs. Alfred Solano's guest for the winter.

Mrs. J. S. Slauson of South Figueroa street is planning a luncheon to be given on Wednesday, February 1, at the California club, when she will entertain a number of women friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dege of Tacoma, Wash., who are visiting in Los Angeles, have taken apartments at Hotel Angelus.

Phelan-Donagan Miss Stella Donegan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Donegan of 1333 Linwood street, was married at 9 o'clock yesterday morning to Harry Ward

contributing: Misses Mattie Williams, Hazel Bunker, Eugenia Montgomery and Ruth Atherton. About fifty invitations were issued and the affair was one of the most enjoyable of the season in university circles.

Social Notes Mrs. S. K. Lindley of 2627 Menlo avenue will entertain members of the Thursday Afternoon Whist club at their regular meeting this afternoon. Mrs. F. Frederick Johnson of 1739 Lennox street entertained members of the Aloha Whist club yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Ira O. Smith will receive callers at the Hotel Angelus on the coming Monday.

Woman's Clubs

Ruskin Art Club Continuing its study of nineteenth century painting in England, the Ruskin Art club yesterday morning enjoyed a profitable lesson under the leadership of Mrs. H. G. Brainard, assisted by Mrs. B. F. Stockard.

Mrs. Ashley spoke regarding the personal character of William Morris and said his work was essentially ornamental. He avoided muddy tints, but was too hasty and nervous to finish perfectly.

Mrs. Morris Abbee read a paper on Leighton, stating that he did not belong to any particular school, and that he followed art for art's sake alone. He was brought up abroad, and his art cannot therefore be considered from the English standpoint.

Mrs. W. T. McPhe in an interesting paper spoke of the life of Burne-Jones, speaking particularly about his fondness for classical literature. He was a follower of Rossetti and an exponent of the romantic school. Mrs. Koyner followed with a paper on Watts as a painter.

Miss Letha Lewis said the early portraits by this artist were not appreciated. It was fifty years before they were received at the Royal academy. Mrs. Jeffreys gave personal reminiscences touching the subject of the lesson.

Mrs. M. J. F. Stearns has invited the club members to be her guests the afternoon of January 31, and her invitation was accepted. It was announced also that there will be a board meeting at 3 p. m. Monday.

Matters pertaining to the coming federation meeting occupied the club's attention a part of the session and the women were urged to avail themselves of the excursion which will take place Federation week.

Wednesday Morning Club An interesting session of the Wednesday Morning club was held at the East Los Angeles Congregational church yesterday, the morning session being devoted to the study of Shakespeare under the direction of Mrs. M. M. Adams.

During this period the third act of King Lear was read and discussed. At noon the club luncheon was served and a pleasant hour passed.

At the afternoon session, which began at 1 o'clock, Mrs. H. E. Brett, past president of the club, finished the book of Daniel, which under her direction, the Bible class has been studying. Mrs. Brett has proved herself in these series of lessons not only a scholar, but a woman of unusual talent in putting before her audience the great chapters in the book in their most attractive form, while yet making the lessons instructive ones.

In the undertaking she has worked zealously and the class has studied with equal zeal.

During this session excellent papers were read by Mrs. A. E. Hodson and A. M. Foster. Mrs. Hodson spoke on the topic chosen for the lesson while Mrs. Foster was bright and entertaining on "The Fall of Babylon" and its historic settings.

The music section was in charge of Mme. Gordon-Norman and consisted of rehearsals by the Choral society. Later the Rev. W. H. Doggett spoke to the club on the book of Daniel, giving in his talk answers to "who wrote the book?" "When was it written?" "Why was it written?" The lecture was an interesting one and the deduction made was not only a spiritual lesson but also a solution of the problem of the book.

Woman's Press Club

Several distinguished visitors were present at the meeting of the Woman's Press club yesterday afternoon when the regular meeting of the club was held in the assembly hall of the chamber of commerce building.

The program was devoted to a review of the life of Margaret Fuller and personal reminiscences of some of the members and visitors. Miss M. M. Pette read an interesting sketch of the life of the great woman, who was a pioneer in the cause of women, and who is possibly more loved and mourned than any other woman of her time. Incidentally Miss Pette possesses the rare combination of being able not only to write a bright, sparkling paper, but of being able to read it with distinct articulation in a low, sweet and well trained voice.

Following the opening paper Mrs. Rebecca Spring read a letter, the last one written by the noble woman, which she had received from Margaret Fuller. She also read a missive from Ralph Waldo Emerson in which he spoke of the latter in glowing terms. A delightful little poem entitled Margaret Fuller and written for the occasion by Mrs. Jeanie Peet was read by Mrs. Maravene Kennedy.

Mrs. Sarah A. Hubbard, the much beloved veteran newspaper woman of Chicago, was presented to the club and with her Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Prang, a trio of persons much admired and known throughout the literary world.

Mrs. Hubbard addressed the members and called to their minds the credit and praise due the women, which she thinks, women are liable

sometimes to forget of the past for what they have done for the women of today. In view of this she recommended for their perusal two new books "Men and Women" by Havlock Ellis, and "Optimism" by Helen Keller.

Mrs. Lewis Prang also spoke in an interesting manner, her talk being interspersed with shafts of philosophy and humor.

The club was presented with a medallion of Margaret Fuller by Mrs. Peet.

Cosmos Club

A crowded house greeted Mrs. Emma Greenleaf yesterday afternoon when she appeared before the Cosmos club at the assembly room of Blanchard hall and delivered an interesting talk on Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables."

Mrs. Greenleaf told many things of the great book and its author, and on some points took issue with the readers inclined to view it from a radical standpoint.

Wednesday Study Club

The Wednesday Study club which meets fortnightly held its regular meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. E. J. Alger, 1021 Ingraham street.

GOOD ONES

An Ill-Sorted Family

Farmer Carson looked up from his search for potato-bugs into the face of a former neighbor who was visiting his old friends' after an absence of ten years.

"How's your son Dick getting on?" he asked, after a few preliminaries.

"Dick? Oh, he's getting on first rate; he's a sort of a doctor," said the father.

"How about Arthur?"

"Arthur? Oh, he's getting on all right, too. He's a sort of a lawyer."

"What's Jim doing?" he continued.

"Oh, Jim, he's doing fine; he's a sort of a preacher," said Mr. Carson, cheerfully.

"And you keep right on here," said the old neighbor, with evident regret.

"Well, er, for the present," said Mr. Carson, apologetically. "You see, it seems kind of advisable for some one to be a sort of a farmer, and kind of feed Dick and Arthur and Jim for another ten years or so, till they get a sort of an income."—Youths' Companion.

Economy

The honorable members of congress, which was in session, were somewhat surprised when a stately woman appeared on the floor.

As she seemed lost, one of the dignified body courteously offered his services.

"Pardon me," he said, "but you are evidently trying to find your way to the gallery. You know visitors are not permitted on this floor."

"But I am one of the cardinal virtues," she replied.

The dignified member seemed slightly incredulous.

"Yes," she continued, "I am Economy."

Seeing that no one recognized her, she passed out.—Puck.

Mean, Meaner, Meanest

There were four of them in the smoking-compartment of the car when the traveler from Chicago happened to say: "That reminds me of a man out in my town who is so mean he makes the members of his house write small hands, in order to save ink."

"A friend of my father's, sub, wuz even was than that," came promptly from the Baltimorean. "He stopped the clocks at night, sub, because o' the wear and tea: on the works."

Then the Philadelphian: "Well, there's a good old Quaker out in Wayne who won't read the papers. Wears out his glasses, says he."

All three looked inquiringly at the man from New York, but he merely smiled and rang for the waiter to take the orders.—February Smart Set.

The Sentimental Chieftain

The cannibal chief had just licked his fingers and picked up another joint.

"Chicko," he said, turning to the cook, "this fellow was Scotch, wasn't he?"

"Yes, your serenity. I intend to pick up the leavings when you're through, and we'll have Scotch broth tomorrow."

"Um, very good, Chicko—for you. What was his name?"

"I don't know. He didn't hand me his card. But here's his collar. Maybe that'll show."

"Ha! Yes. Here it is. Douglas-Douglas. Ah! Douglas, Douglas, tender and true, Chicko, push the kettle over a little nearer."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Had the Measure With Him

Senator Beveridge ridiculed the impracticability of a certain procedure in a striking way the other day.

"That procedure," he said, "reminds me of an old man, I knew in my boyhood in Ohio. He was a good old man, but most impractical. A new story of his ways was cropping up every week."

"According to the last of these stories, the old man ran at top speed through the main street one day, holding his hands about three feet apart."

"Don't jostle me," he called to those he passed. Don't jostle me. I have the measure of a doorway with me."

His Decision

Diogenes was asked why he had ceased his quest for an honest man and lingered all day in his homelike tub.

"What is the use?" he returned, pessimistically. "Thomas W. Lawson won't be born for more than a thousand years yet."

With that he blew out his lantern.—Puck.

Frenzied Finance

The Farmer (excitedly)—Baker, Mister Constable, I've just bin bunkered out uv ev'ry dern cent!

The Policeman (irritably)—Well, don't holler to me, you come-on! I ain't no magazine publisher!—Puck.