

AROUND THE TOWN

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THE HERALD.

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AMUSEMENTS

MASON OPERA HOUSE—"Mother Goose," "Relasco"—"Are You a Mason?"
BURBANK—"Held by the Enemy,"
GRAND—Black Path Troubadours,
ORPHEUM—Vaudeville,
THEATRE AUDITORIUM—Grand Opera,
CASINO—Vaudeville,
BROADWAY—Vaudeville,
CHUTES—Flery's Band, Zoo,
ABOCT PARK—Races.

Gamble Concert
 Tonight at Simpson auditorium the Ernest Gamble Concert company will give a recital which will be an event in the Imperial course of entertainments.

Bids for Oil St.
 Bids for oil stock on the Los Angeles stock exchange yesterday were active but no sales were recorded. One Home Telephone company bond was sold at \$87.

Steals New Shoes
 Samuel Young, formerly of San Francisco, was convicted of the theft of a pair of shoes from in front of a shoe store on South Spring street, yesterday morning in Justice Chamber's court and sentenced to 100 days on the chain gang.

Charged With Battery
 F. R. Hawley, an insurance agent, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of battery preferred against him by Fred. Grant, a boy who claimed to have been slapped by the insurance man. Hawley said he did not know Fred. Grant and furnished bond to appear today.

To Discuss Tax
 Several hundred invitations were sent out yesterday by County Superintendent of Schools Mark Koppel to prominent city and county officials for a meeting which has been called for this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the school tax redistribution bill.

Speaks to the Soldiers
 The Rev. W. A. Bunker, pastor of the Epworth Methodist church, spoke before the soldiers at Sawtelle at 2 o'clock yesterday on the topic, "The Master Has Come and Callet for Thee." Mrs. Boyd had charge of the meeting.

Psychic Alliance
 The members of the Psychic Science alliance will meet this evening at the McIvor-Tyndall Institute of Psychic science, 1501 South Grand avenue. Many new members will be present. Dr. Alexander J. McIvor-Tyndall, the president of the alliance, and others, will address the meeting.

Writes Many Rituals
 A. H. S. Perkins of 6309 Crescent street, Garvanza, well known in fraternal circles of Los Angeles, has just completed a ritual for the United craftsmen of Cambridge, Md. This is the thirty-sixth ritual compiled by Mr. Perkins, which, it is asserted, gives him the record over any other writer in the same line.

Cocaine Fiend Sentenced
 Frank Merrill, a Los Angeles boy of good parentage, was fined \$60 or 60 days yesterday morning on a charge of stealing a lamp. Merrill told the court he is a cocaine fiend and took the lamp to buy the drug. In addition to his fine Merrill will be compelled to serve a sentence of six months on a former charge.

Burglars Take Foreign Coins
 Burglars entered the home of B. Urury of 329 Towne avenue, Sunday night while the family was at Chutes park. The intruder gained an entrance by using a skeleton key and after ransacking the house, departed with a number of rare foreign coins, which had been taken from a small bank. The coins were valued at \$20.

Exhibit at Portland
 Commissioner Wiggins received a letter yesterday from C. L. Wilson of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, who was sent last week to Portland to look after a carload of exhibits forwarded there from the St. Louis exposition. Mr. Wilson writes that the contents of the car were found to be in fair condition and will be a part of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Death of Baptist Clergyman
 Rev. E. H. Sweet, who had recently been appointed to the pastorate of the Covina Baptist church, passed away at that place Sunday. Previous to his work at China he had been connected with the Baptist church at Fullerton and was much beloved by his associates in the church work. He is survived by a widow and three daughters. Funeral services will be held Wednesday and will be conducted by Rev. A. M. Petty of Los Angeles.

INCORPORATIONS

Mills Iron Works. Directors: E. L. Mills, George L. Skinner, Frank M. Parker, W. R. Lyle and E. W. Whitcomb of Los Angeles. Capital stock \$25,000, paid in \$5.
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A Sprained Ankle Quickly Cured
 Last summer I sprained my ankle badly and thought I would be laid up for a week or more. The pain was intense. I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely and in five hours I could walk and in less than one day was entirely free from pain. I cheerfully recommend it as a first-class remedy. I. Robert Baker, Edge Hill, Virginia.

HUSBAND DESERTS HIS CHILD WIFE

GIRL YET IN TEENS GRANTED DIVORCE

South Pasadenan Leaves Bride After Two Weeks of Married Life. Youngest Divorcee in County

Two weeks after his marriage Alfred Alley, a young South Pasadenan, regretted the matrimonial step and he deserted his girl wife.

Yesterday Mrs. Dorothy Alley, who was formerly Miss Dorothy Draper of Alhambra, told her story in the divorce court, and in obtaining an interlocutory decree of divorce the young woman becomes the youngest divorcee in Los Angeles county.

Soon after the desertion, according to Mrs. Alley's story, her husband wrote her a lengthy letter in which he explained his position on the question of matrimony.

In the letter Alley suggested that his wife might easily obtain a divorce, owing to his being considerably under the age of consent.

The young wife testified that her husband of two weeks had never provided a penny toward her support, and that upon being left destitute in the world she was compelled to seek protection under the parental roof.

She said she had waived all her legal rights to alimony after having discovered that both her boy husband and his father were in poor circumstances.

SAYS WIFE WAS HUNGRY

Husband Declares She Ordered Him to Eat Mustard

His wife's excessive appetite caused William Allison to experience that hungry feeling, and in order that his matrimonial adventure might not interfere with his three regular meals a day he asked the court yesterday to dissolve the alliance existing between himself and Mrs. Alice Allison.

He testified that he was incapable of appeasing his wife's ravenous appetite on his small salary of \$12 a week.

He declared his spouse insisted that he should give the beef to her, while she urged him to eat mustard with his bread.

Six months on bread, mustard and water and occasionally a beef bone Allison says were too much for him, and to show his disapproval of his wife's management of the culinary establishment he ordered her to leave.

Judge York held that Mrs. Allison erred when she compelled her spouse to eat mustard with bread seven days a week and the divorce was granted.

ACTS MORTIFY WIFE

Plaintiff Says Husband Drank Too Much

Because her husband "piked" around the town and performed outlandish "stunts" when in the semi-conscious state, Mrs. Eva Howard invited the sterner side of the copartnership of love, William H. Howard, into the divorce court.

When the roll was called in Judge York's court yesterday Howard failed to respond to his name, and the only thing that the court could do under the circumstances was to grant her a divorce.

That her husband put away large quantities of beer and gin was the chief complaint made against the absent one.

On one occasion, the wife asserts, Howard settled it beyond a reasonable doubt in his own mind that he was a real Spanish bull fighter, and when he entered his home at unseemly hours of the morning he would terrify the occupants of the house.

It appears that he was also given to public speechmaking on these occasions, and before large gatherings of school boys he would orate upon the virtues of Abraham Lincoln and other noted statesmen.

Instead of informing Howard that his conduct was undignified and that he was out of order the boys generally applauded the efforts of the spellbinder, all of which tended to cause his wife mortification.

Decree Is Granted

Mrs. Emma Conner was granted a divorce yesterday by Judge Conroy from Edmond Conner on the ground of cruelty.

Sues for Divorce

Divorce proceedings were filed in the superior court yesterday by Mrs. Theresa Dithlefsen against her husband, Paul B. Dithlefsen.

DISS GIVES DOUBLE BOND

Friends Accompany Former Railroad Official to Court Room

Accompanied by his friends J. W. F. Dias yesterday appeared before Judge Smith in the superior court and gave bail for his appearance in answer to the four indictments found against him by the Riverside grand jury last week.

His bondsmen were Gen. C. F. A. Laust and A. C. Harper of the firm of Harper & Reynolds, who qualified as bondsmen in double the sum of the bond.

Diss has been at Ventura for several days, but he was found at his regular place of business yesterday morning by Sheriff Coburn of Riverside.

The indictments found by the grand jury grow out of an alleged "graft" in connection with certain land deals at the time he was the right of way agent for the Salt Lake railway.

The Angelus Hotel Grill
 The select dining place of the city. Loomis Brothers, proprietors.

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF REGISTERED LETTER

E. H. Gagel and D. Munson Arrested on a Federal Warrant at Needles

A complaint was filed in the United States court yesterday against D. Munson and E. H. Gagel, wherein they are charged with having taken a registered letter from the local postoffice which was addressed to a man named Swonger.

It was reported last evening at the United States marshal's office that the men had been arrested at Needles in this state and they will probably be brought to Los Angeles today.

Juan C. Moreno, charged with perjury in connection with the recent trial of ex-Governor Felis of lower California, wherein he was charged with having smuggled tin Chinamen across the Mexican border, was yesterday arraigned before United States Commissioner Van Dyke and held under bonds in the sum of \$3000 to answer the charge in the United States district court.

Orlando K. Fitzsimmons, D. A. Arnett and J. W. Neighbors of the Cumulative Credit company, were arraigned before Judge Welborn on a charge of using the mails to defraud. They will plead next Monday. All the defendants are at liberty on bail.

Ollie J. Watkins also was arraigned on two charges of using the mails to defraud, and will plead February 11.

CITY HALL NOTES

Engineer Appoints

P. H. Grace was yesterday appointed assistant engineer at the city hall with a salary of \$100 a month. Grace was certified to the council by the civil service commission.

Against Racing Tips

City Attorney Mathews yesterday presented the draft of an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for any person to offer racing tips for sale. The proposed ordinance was referred to the legislative committee.

Hearing Continued

A partial hearing was given the protest against abandoning Leons street by the council yesterday. Property owners claim that J. P. Goytino and others have appropriated the street to their own use. The hearing was continued for one week. In the meantime the council will secure an opinion from the city attorney.

Wants Bill Paid

M. L. Wicks presented a bill to the council yesterday for \$189.75. The money is demanded from the city on account of water pipes laid in various subdivisions under an alleged arrangement with the water commission. In his communication Wicks explained that the water department had declined to allow the bill. The demand was referred to the city attorney.

Declined to Pay

Mayor McAleer yesterday returned a demand upon the city treasurer for \$586.66 to the council without his approval. The demand was in favor of F. W. Braun, treasurer of Chester Place. The demand is for electric lights furnished by the Pacific Light and Power company and was passed by the old council on the last day of the old year. Mayor McAleer held the demand that the city pay the bill is unjust.

Franchise Order

The council yesterday directed the city attorney to prepare a notice of sale for the Stevenson and Boyle avenue electric railroad franchise. The recommendation of the board of public works that the franchise be offered for sale was adopted. The route of the proposed line is from Stevenson and Boyle avenues, south on Boyle avenue to Seventh and along that street to Spring. The life of the franchise is thirty-four years.

Park Appointees

The park commission has presented the names of twenty-four men to the mayor for his approval, the men to be employed as laborers in the city parks. The men will be appointed so as to commence work on the first day of February. This is one of the few instances where there is some political patronage to be distributed, the park laborers not being under the civil service. The list was compiled from the recommendations of friends of the administration. The men appointed will take the places of others appointed under the Snyder administration. There is no increase in the force.

Poor Improvements

Property owners on Euclid avenue yesterday presented a protest against the bills for the improvement of a part of the street. Judge W. A. Cheney, who represented the protestants said that the work was accepted by former Street Superintendent Werdin before it was completed. Cheney said the contract was let before there were any railroads on the street. The railroad was built before the contractor did his work and he did not improve the part covered by the railroad yet, Cheney said, the people were asked to pay for all the work. The case was sent to the board of public works.

WARREN HEARING POSTPONED

Children Now in Custody of Under Sheriff

The examination of Horatio Warren, formerly a college professor and more recently employed as a bar room porter, who is charged with assault and battery, has been postponed until Thursday.

The continuance was granted on a certificate of a physician, which indicated that Mrs. Alken, the complainant, was physically incapable of appearing in the case.

The Warren children are now in the custody of Under Sheriff Yonkin at the county jail, and they will remain under his care until Judge Wilbur finally disposes of the contest for their custody, which is being waged between Warren and his wife. Mrs. Warren recently arrived in Los Angeles from her home in the east.

CITIZEN SCORES GAS CORPORATION

SAYS QUALITY DECREASES WITH PRICE

Council Urged to Enact a Law Governing the Sale of the Commodity—Pomona Case Cited

The council yesterday received a communication from Edwin R. Fox, who resides in the Third ward at 951 Orange street, in which the city legislators are taken to task in emphatic language because of their failure to enact gas legislation. Fox's letter is as follows:

"I have the honor to ask you that you will take up for consideration and action the proposed ordinance already presented on the regulation of the supply of gas to the people of this city, and the price and quality thereof, and the rights to extension of the mains to new parts of the city otherwise than at the mere whim of the gas company or for the castigation of the people of any particular section.

"I am immediately the sufferer by reason of a forty per cent increase in the cost of my gas and a forty per cent reduction in the supply of light and heat.

"I attribute this condition of affairs to a reduction of the quality of the gas, which reduction demands a commensurate increase in quantity to supply the demand. My interest is not in decreasing the price, as I believe the price to be low enough, but to increase the quality and character of the gas furnished. My experience has been that every reduction in price has been accompanied by a corresponding decrease in quality, so that in no instance is the consumer benefited.

"On December 31 last the Supreme court, in the case of Denninger versus the city of Pomona, handed down a decision unequivocally declaring the right of municipalities to regulate the supply of gas, including its price and quality, by ordinance, and also declared the right of cities to inflict penalties for the violation of such ordinances. The opinion in effect stated that a municipality not only had this right to establish regulations, but that its duty was also so to do.

"There is another reason for calling your immediate attention to this matter. It is not gratifying to the people of Los Angeles to have it openly charged by the public press that the city's governing body is refraining from action in order to protect the interests of the gas company, and it would avoid even the appearance of such neglect to have you take up at once and pass an ordinance that would be perfectly equitable both to the gas company and to the consumer.

"I think the people have no desire for any oppressive action."

SIXTH WARD MEETING DENOUNCES MONOPOLY

Democrats Score "Grasping and Arrogant Methods of the Corporation"

Open retaliation against what were termed the grasping and arrogant methods of the gas and electric light trust was begun last night in the Sixth ward by a meeting of the Sixth Ward Democratic club at which the main subject for discussion was a municipal lighting and power plant.

Before adjourning resolutions were passed unanimously in favor of municipal ownership, and it was recommended that arrangements should be made for a great mass meeting of citizens to discuss the question.

The meeting was held in Kornblum hall, Washington street and Griffith avenue, where a crowd assembled that taxed the capacity of the room. Men foremost in the political life of the ward were on the program for speeches and the lighting question was discussed thoroughly.

Before adjournment the club passed the following resolutions by a unanimous vote:

Whereas, It is a well-established fact that much of the corruption existing in the city government is due to the influence of the gas and electric monopoly; and

Whereas, It is universally conceded that all public utilities should be taken from the control of private management and placed directly under the control of the government; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sixth Ward Democratic club hereby heartily and enthusiastically commends the representative of this ward in the city council, Dr. A. D. Houghton, extend an invitation to representative citizens of each of the nine wards of the city of Los Angeles confer with our president, Judge Hentig, for the purpose of arranging for a mass meeting, composed of citizens of all political faiths, to discuss the advisability of submitting to the voters a charter amendment providing for the municipal ownership of a gas and electric lighting plant.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear.

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POLICE INVESTIGATING INCENDIARY FIRE

Women and Three Children Escape Death in Flames by Narrow Margin

A thorough investigation is being made by the police into the attempted burning of the small frame building at 248 East Sixth street Sunday night, when Mrs. Hattie Beck and her three small children, occupants of the little building, escaped death by burning only by a narrow margin.

The fire appears to have been a deliberate attempt to cremate the woman and children, according to the statements of men who examined the building shortly after the fire.

One side of the frame cottage had been saturated with coal oil and then lighted, and only through the quick work of the fire department were the flames brought under control with a small damage.

Following the fire Sunday night Mrs. Beck told the police her husband, from whom she is separated, tried to effect a reconciliation Saturday night and falling left her home threatening vengeance.

LOSES LIFE IN FIRE WHICH DESTROYS HOME

Mrs. John D. Sloan. Burned to Death in a Gasoline Fire at Sawtelle

Imprisoned in her own home, with a wall of flame and smoke around her, Mrs. John D. Sloane of Sawtelle was burned to death last Sunday night in a fire which destroyed her little cottage and all her belongings.

According to the stories of neighbors who arrived at the burning building shortly after the fire started, the flames originated from the overturning of a small gasoline stove by a playful dog, which after starting the damage dashed from the house and escaped.

Mrs. Sloane is said to have left the burning building and then to have dashed back into the flames and smoke in an attempt to rescue her belongings.

She was overpowered by the smoke and could not leave the building, her body being found near the door.

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Assembly Committee Arrives

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