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THE HERALD'S CITY CIRCULATION

THE HERALD'S CIRCULATION IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS LARGER THAN THAT OF THE EXAMINER OR THE EXPRESS AND SECOND ONLY TO THAT OF THE TIMES.

The good news comes again from New York that the orange market is firm at advancing prices. No further setback is apprehended during the remainder of the marketing season.

It is a terse tax law, indeed, that a Wisconsin man has formulated. "No evidence shall be allowed in court to recover property that has escaped taxation." But how about property with which the thief has escaped?

Such fakery as the "Jumpers," who use the religious pretense in making nuisances of themselves, should not be tolerated in Los Angeles. This city cannot afford to deserve abroad the appellation of "Fakerville."

A Los Angeles man has been committed to the insane asylum because his mind was unhinged, as reported, by the study of wireless telegraphy. It seems more likely that his malady resulted from contemplation of the city's lighting service.

The mythical "Bill Newell," whose name figures in the disclosures of bribery now airing at Sacramento, is likely to be heard of frequently in future. The graft intermediary in the legislature will probably be known generally by the name of "Bill Newell."

Who would have suspected a temperature of 36 degrees below zero at Devil's Lake? That is a report from North Dakota, but the record is beaten at Redfield, S. D., with 45 degrees below. The coldest wave of the season is sweeping over the middle west.

The work of the evangelists has but fairly begun, but it gives promise already of arousing a religious fervor such as Los Angeles has never before witnessed. The zeal of the evangelists and the interest manifested by the public are increasing with each succeeding night.

Appendicitis, like gout, is known as an ailment to which people of high grade social standing are peculiarly susceptible. Now that King Edward's daughter has been operated on for appendicitis a fad may develop in society to have similar operations for "swell" effect.

Persons who delight to recline in a dental chair will be pleased to learn that a new and especially alluring anesthetic has been discovered. It takes only a few seconds to pass under the influence of it and out again, with no unpleasant subsequent effect. Thus the dental chair becomes a greater luxury than ever.

A bill has passed the lower house of congress extending to express companies the same inhibition against carrying obscene literature that is embodied in the postal laws. Another important step in the interest of good morals would be the prohibition of yellow newspapers in both postal and express service.

This time it is a professor of the University of Pennsylvania who rises to enlighten mankind, or more specifically womankind. He says that "women should marry early and when married they should work, in order to have economic independence." But is independence an accompaniment of wash tub piano music?

That is a strange revelation which comes from Chicago to the effect that some traveling theatrical companies stow away the "supes" in specially built "chests" under cars for ice, food and equipment of various kinds. This in cars chartered by the show managers. Here is a kink in the barn-storming business not heretofore suspected by the public.

It was a severe strain on the gallantry of the police commissioners when they refused the appeal of a woman for permission to practice rifle shooting in her back yard. The mayor pointed out the danger that she might miss the fence in the aim with her little gun and do damage beyond. Women who desire to practice with firearms should be restricted to blank cartridges.

Natural wonders on the line of the new Salt Lake railway are coming to light promptly. A great cave has just been discovered near the road in Nevada which shows evidence of habitation by a prehistoric race. Further exploration will determine whether it is adapted for summer resort purposes, although the report of "myriads of stalactites hanging from the walls" looks favorable.

Senator Bard's revelation concerning an attempt to bribe him caused a stir in the United States senate, but it is likely to cause a much greater stir in California. The senator makes the specific charge that a representative of a Roman Catholic association made a proposition to him, substantially, offering to carry certain California districts for him in the late election in return for his influence in regard to appropriations for Indian schools. It is not probable that any such proposition was countenanced by the church authorities. This presumption is warranted, notwithstanding the statement of the person making the offer that he "represented the Roman Catholic church and was making the request with the full authority of the heads of that church."

"GRAFT" IN SCHOOL FUND DISTRIBUTION

The unfairness of the present distribution of state school funds is illustrated in these three examples: Alpine county gets an allowance of \$243 for each teacher, Los Angeles gets \$434 and San Francisco \$868. The total sum available for distribution is \$3,694,000, and the method now in vogue is based on the school census.

A bill is pending in the legislature, with the indorsement of Governor Pardee, aimed to make the school fund distribution more equitable. It eliminates the school census as a basis and instead provides "\$300 from the state fund for each teacher allowed by law in every county." This bill has merit compared with the present system, but it is radically defective nevertheless.

Note this example of the practical operation of the bill which Governor Pardee has fathered in case of its passage by the legislature: San Francisco is allowed by law 1306 teachers, but it employs only 996. That city would get the state allowance for 110 teachers not employed, a little matter of \$33,000 "velvet" for the northern city. On the other hand, Los Angeles is allowed 790 teachers by law, but 1151 are actually employed. This city employs 135 more teachers than San Francisco. Under the operation of the pending bill Los Angeles would be an actual loser to the extent indicated.

An effort is in progress on the part of the local school authorities to secure either an amendment to Governor Pardee's bill or the adoption of a substitute for it. The plan favored by County Superintendent Keppel and others provides for the distribution of state school funds on the basis of the total number of months taught in each county by all the teachers employed. This plan, as explained, would cut off the \$93,000 of "velvet" in the allowance to San Francisco and would raise the figures for Los Angeles from \$464,000 to \$523,000.

Superintendent Keppel apparently characterizes aright the scheme whereby San Francisco gets \$93,000 a year on account of teachers that it does not employ, while Los Angeles gets nothing for the 135 teachers it employs in excess of its allowance. The superintendent says: "It is simply political graft that leads to the unfairness." It is quite obvious that he is right.

STATE SENATORIAL SCANDAL

The only surprising thing about the alleged bribery of certain state senators is the paltriness of the figures at which it is charged that California senatorial honor is purchasable. Half a dozen \$50 or \$100 notes appears to have been all the cash necessary in the individual transactions. And the alleged newspaper man who acted as go-between took the chance of a prison term for the beggarly sum of \$150, with a promise of a few dollars more at some future time.

The case presented against the accused senators seems clear. The evidence is circumstantial, making an apparently complete chain.

The part taken in this scandalous affair by representatives of the San Francisco Examiner, as charged in the testimony, surprises no person who is at all familiar with the record of that notorious newspaper. Such disclosures in connection with the disreputable sheet are not without precedent in San Francisco. It is not strange, in fact, that such small sums of money as are alleged to have been paid were satisfactory to the paper's representative.

So far as the accused senators are concerned, it is not the purpose of The Herald to prejudice their case. They make indignant denial of the allegations of bribery, and for the sake of their constituencies and of the state of California generally it is hoped they will be able to establish their personal innocence. The Examiner appears to have been the chief party implicated in the disclosures, and as it is an old offender in "ways that are dark" it is entitled to no leniency now. One or more of its representatives appears to be culpable as a party to the senatorial bribery case. The vigor with which the senate has begun the investigation gives promise of a thorough sifting of the scandal.

The intimation that the Sacramento county grand jury will take up the bribery case gives encouragement for a searching inquiry. The case is so glaring a one, as it appears to be prima facie, that it must be probed with a probe long enough and strong enough to reach bottom.

GAS CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

The grievances filed against the Los Angeles Gas company do not all pertain to human beings. Quadrupeds as well as bipeds are sufferers from the misdoings of that corporation. As an example, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals reports that the gas company maintains what might fittingly be called a quadrupedal inferno in the river bed in the neighborhood of its works.

The society avers, as reported, that "at least five cows and one horse have been lost by miring in the pools of oily water running from the gas company's works at the Macy street bridge into the river bed." The substance must be something more destructive than oily water, however, as it is stated further that "the coal tar coats the hides of the animals and tortures them."

And so the latest indictment of the gas company comes in the form of a general complaint from the official protectors of dumb animals. The animals cannot speak out with emphasis and vent their indignation, as the human type is wont to do. They cannot complain in words that they are being skinned and mired by the output of the gas company.

But while there may be no immediate redress for the imposition practiced on the patient and suffering gas consumers of Los Angeles, there surely should be some means of preventing the company from polluting the river and operating a private hades for horses and cows. How is it that the board of health takes no cognizance of this shameful situation? Is the gas company immune from all responsibility for trampling upon ordinances within the purview of the health department? And in view of such flagrant cruelty to animals why does not the society take official action to prevent the deadly trap which "coats the hides of the animals and tortures them"?

San Pedro is outgrowing its clothes as a city of the sixth class, and it asks the legislature by petition to make provision for its elevation to the dignity of the fifth class. The petition will be successful, no doubt, as San Pedro is qualified for its desired promotion. It will not be long until the harbor city elevates itself a few more pegs, with the flags of all maritime nations floating in sight.

Kansas women with a predilection for politics are happy over the prospect that they will vote in the next presidential election. A woman suffrage bill has been reported favorably in the assembly, and its passage by both houses of the legislature is said to be assured. Four states now allow women to vote at all elections on an equality with men. They are Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming.

Social Diary and Gossip

BY GRACE GRUNDY

Mrs. Caspare Behrendt, Mrs. John Kahn and Mrs. Samuel Behrendt entertained with a luncheon at the Concordia club yesterday, appointments for which were particularly handsome and original. In the reception room, where the hostesses received their guests, red and green were combined in a charming decorative scheme, the room having been converted into a bower of choice flowers and foliage.

Here the Dinubala orchestra, stationed behind a screen of palms, rendered a program of popular harp music. The table at which Mrs. Caspare Behrendt presided represented a grape arbor, autumn leaves and natural fruit combining in a realistic effect. Suspended from this in swinging cages were birds of gay plumage, and beneath, in the center of the table, was a rustic well and "old oaken bucket." The miniature lake by which the well was surrounded was bordered with violets, and places were marked with rustic baskets filled with the same flowers, the handles being ornamented with clusters of grapes tied in place with violet ribbons. Menu cards were printed on rustic wood. Mrs. Kahn's table represented a harvest scene, the details of which were carried out in a unique and attractive manner. Over the table was erected a canopy, having the appearance of a huge haystack, and from this was suspended a rustic bell. Every variety of farming implement was utilized in the table decoration, together with sheaves of wheat and sickles. Pumpkin baskets filled with sunflowers, candles in rose-turquoise holders and a vine-covered coop of tiny chickens were features of the original arrangement. The name cards were sickles tied with sheaves of wheat, and the menu was printed on rough brown paper. The third table, at which Mrs. Samuel Behrendt presided, was set under an immense Japanese umbrella and represented a characteristic Japanese scene. From the center of the table rose a miniature representation of snow-capped Suga-jama mountain, at the base of which was a tiny city made up of Japanese dwellings, bathhouses and lakes. Adding to the realism of the arrangement were the blended odors of narcissus and incense. Covers were marked with black cards on which the names were printed with red ink in Japanese characters. On rice paper, wound about punk sticks, the elaborate menu was printed. Mrs. Caspare Behrendt was gowned in black chintilly lace, Mrs. Kahn wore a handsome creation of white chiffon tulle, embroidered in gold, and Mrs. Samuel Behrendt was becomingly attired in black net with silver sequins. Eastern guests for whom covers were laid were Mrs. G. Meyer of St. Paul, Mrs. J. Rosenthal of Portland, Mrs. Sydney Spiegel of Chicago and Mrs. Florence Rothenberg of New York. Decorations for the affair were under the supervision of Mrs. Kahn, who was assisted in the arrangement by Miss Winifred Waite. After the luncheon the guests were entertained in the ball room with a stereopticon lecture on the world's fair by B. R. Baumgardt.

Mrs. Marshall Hinman of New York was guest of honor Tuesday at a handsomely appointed luncheon given by Mrs. Alfred Solano of 2302 South Figueroa street. On a shining mirror was a tall cut-glass vase filled with fragrant Easter lilies, and surrounding the mirror yellow daffodils and wide-eyed violets mingled with the delicate fronds of maidenhair ferns. Violet shaded lights cast a radiance over the table, while ferns fell in airy tracery over the silken cloth. At each place small French baskets of yellow, overflowed with blue-petaled violets, and cards were marked with the hostess' monogram in gold.

Seated about the lovely table were twelve handsomely gowned women, and repartee flew right merrily the afternoon through. Besides Mrs. Hinman and the hostess, Mrs. Milo M. Potter, Mrs. John E. Plater, Mrs. M. E. Briggs, Mrs. H. A. d'Acheul, Mrs. Keene, Mrs. John G. Mossin, Mrs. I. N. Van Nuys, Mrs. J. S. Slauson, Mrs. Homer Laughlin and Mrs. William G. Nevin.

Miss Claire Soule of San Bernardino, has been for the past week the guest of Miss Georgia Caswell of West Twenty-third street. Miss Soule has many friends in town, as she has often spent summers here. She is a graduate of Stanford university, and a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. While there she took high honors. Several times she distinguished herself in the junior and senior classes, taking the parts with much cleverness. Miss Soule is a handsome girl, with coils of burnished gold hair, and a winning manner, which has won for her many friends. She returns to San Bernardino the end of this week to teach in the San Bernardino high school.

Mrs. William Parrish Jeffries of 976 Arapahoe street will be "at home" on Friday afternoon to her friends for the first time in her new home. She will be assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. Stephen C. Hubbell, Mrs. Alfred Solano and Mrs. Earl B. Millar, and the Misses Margaret Sweet of Buffalo, Mary Hubbell, Kate Van Nuys, Echo Allen and Bess Millar. The following Friday Mrs. Jeffries will be "at home again," and a number of other friends will assist.

Mrs. M. J. P. Stearns of 1017 Elden avenue entertained the members of the Ruskin Art club yesterday afternoon with a delightful tea, in her pretty new home. The club turned out well for the affair as they always do for their social informalities, and listened with pleasure to a number of vocal solos, by Mrs. Hussey, and piano selections admirably rendered by Miss Georgiana

Whittaker. Later in the afternoon tea was served from a table from which bloomed forth yellow flowers. Mrs. H. A. d'Acheul of 1109 West Adams street was hostess yesterday afternoon at a tea given in honor of Mrs. C. A. Broadwater, Mrs. M. A. Miller, Miss Chumassero and Miss Broadwater of Helena, Mont., who are guests at Hotel Raymond, Pasadena, for the winter. In receiving and entertaining, Mrs. d'Acheul was assisted by Mesdames William May Garland, Michael J. Connell, Henry Carlton Lee, John G. Mossin, Bert Harmon Merchant, Walter Leeds, E. Groshon, William M. Bonsall, W. G. Nevin, W. W. Dixon of Butte, Mont.; Miss Louise Burke, Misses Gertrude and Louise Nixon Hill. Tea was served in the library, where pink stock, used in the decorations, formed a pleasing contrast with the blue of the finish and furnishings of the room. Pink roses and Easter lilies were combined in an effective scheme in the drawing room, while yellow roses formed the foundation for an attractive arrangement in the dining room. More than one hundred guests responded to invitations for the delightful affair.

The dinner to be given by Mrs. John E. Plater on Saturday evening will be at the California club instead of at the Country club as stated Tuesday. Miss Emma Von Congdon and Dr. Alfred Fellows were married last evening at the bride's home in Ontario, the ceremony taking place at the Episcopal church there. After the ceremony a supper was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. O. Z. Hubbell. Among the guests seated were Dr. and Mrs. John R. Haynes of Los Angeles, Dr. Fellows' sister and brother-in-law. The bride was attired in a gown of white chiffon cloth elaborately trimmed with point lace. On their return from their wedding trip the young couple will make their home at the Hinman.

Miss Florence Scatena, who has been the guest of Mrs. Secondo Gasti, has returned to her home in San Francisco. Mrs. E. O. McLaughlin of 1379 South Figueroa street entertained with a luncheon at the California club yesterday complimentary to Miss Florence Scatena, who leaves on Wednesday for her home in the north. The table was decorated with carnations and ferns and covers were laid for ten. Major H. M. Russell of 38 St. James park has gone to New York for a stay of several weeks. Mrs. J. S. Slauson of 2345 South Figueroa street entertained a company of women friends with an informal luncheon at the California club yesterday afternoon.

Miss Irene Kelly left on Saturday for San Antonio, Tex., where she has gone to spend several months as the guest of her uncle, Captain Mackey. Hotel Redondo is harboring for a couple of months one of the great inventors of the United States, Edward H. Amat of Chicago, and who is here for a brief rest. Mr. Amat is without a peer as an electrical inventor in this country, save perhaps the great Edison, whom in some of his ideas and ventures he has surpassed. Mr. Amat will make Redondo his stopping place while here. Apropos of Redondo, the hotel there is to be the scene of a large assembly during the state federation of Women's clubs next week, a luncheon at that resort being included in the itinerary of the one official trip the members will make. The pleasure seekers will number about two hundred and fifty. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Chapman had as their guests last evening the members of the Five Hundred club. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Workman, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Chaffey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McCutcheon, Mrs. W. H. Workman, Mrs. C. Krebs, Mrs. McCord, the Misses Mary, Charlotte and Gertrude Workman, Nona Taylor, Bertha Roth, Dora Holmes, Prescott, Anna Chapman, Gileta Workman, Messrs. Jack Laying, Edwin Edgerton, Russell Taylor, Frank Schumacher, John Schumacher, J. B. Chaffey, McCarthy and Dr. Leon Roth.

Alexander-Anderson Miss Elizabeth Craig Alexander, daughter of Mrs. Emily W. Alexander of Estrella avenue, was married last evening at St. John's Episcopal church to Calvin Vance Anderson of Bakersfield. Under the direction of Mrs. Albert Crutcher the members of the Young Woman's guild, to which Miss Alexander belongs, converted the church into a bower of blossoms. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lawrence Rigley and the maid of honor was Miss Chella Houston, a cousin of the bride. Henry Clipstone acted as best man, while the ushers included Messrs. Charles Houghton, Vaughn, Charles Houston and Richard Alexander. The young couple will make their home in Bakersfield. Elaborate Luncheon Mrs. Ralph H. Holmes of 1841 West Twenty-fifth street entertained with a prettily appointed luncheon Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Walter Bound of New York, who is passing the winter at the Hotel Green, Pasadena. In the center of the table deli-

cate pink carnations and maidenhair ferns were gracefully arranged, and places were marked with dainty hand-painted cards. Those for whom covers were laid were Mrs. Godfrey Holterhoff jr., Mrs. William Watson Lovett, Mrs. William H. Schweppe, Mrs. James T. Fitzgerald, Mrs. George E. Coleman and Mrs. Ralph Wood of San Francisco. Wednesday Drive Whist Club Mrs. W. E. Hutchason of 2627 Van Buren place entertained at luncheon yesterday, having as her guests members of the Wednesday Drive Whist club. The table was prettily decorated with violets and amilax, a huge bouquet of the fragrant flowers forming a central design, while at the plates were round double cards ornamented with hand painted sketches of bunches of violets. Reynolds catered. Later in the afternoon cards were enjoyed, prizes being awarded the successful contestants. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Hutchason's hospitality on this occasion were: Mesdames A. E. Messerley, Stephen M. Webster, J. D. McCauley, D. Burkhalter, W. H. Fillmore, Frank Garrett, T. J. Fleming, Donn A. Judd, D. J. Peck, Sherman Page, C. E. De Camp, James Smith, John R. Matthews, Miss Dent and Miss Esther Dent. Duplicate Whist Miss Clara Huntington of No. 937 Park View avenue had as her guests yesterday morning members of the Duplicate Whist club. This club meets every two weeks for the practice and study of the game. After the games luncheon was served in a prettily decorated dining room. Social Notes Mrs. S. Honig of Pueblo, Colo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. Kleinberger of 1026 South Bonnie Brae street. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Grimshaw of Detroit, Mich., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seefred, 623 West Thirty-seventh street.

Woman's Clubs Ruskin Art Club Mrs. G. L. Hutchinson has been elected alternate from the Ruskin Art club to the State Federation of Clubs, to meet here next week. She has been chosen in the place of Mrs. J. D. Gibbs, who, as president of the Women's Parliament, must represent that body, and, therefore, cannot serve the Art club in the capacity of alternate. Mrs. Hutchinson, assisted by Mrs. J. N. Gibson, had charge of the club lesson yesterday morning, when the regular weekly meeting was held in the Blanchard building. English sculpture in the nineteenth century was the subject of study, and Mrs. W. M. Dickson spoke of Gibson, who she said was an idealist in the extreme. Mrs. Snowden read a paper on Stevens and Foley and drew attention to the former's statue of Washington, while she also pointed out that of Washington at Richmond, done by Foley. Mrs. James Koyer spoke of Watts and Leighton and Mrs. Kaust of Frampton and John. Mrs. Fessenden, in a bright paper, treated of Ford and Thornycroft. Mrs. H. W. Clough read a paper which had been held over from last week, and touched on paintings of certain artists mentioned in that lesson. On February 8, Ruskin's birthday, the members of the club will entertain at an informal tea in the club rooms at 4 o'clock. Many of the guests will include visitors to the state federation. On February 15 Blush Conaty will address the club on "Symbolism."

Tuesday Current Topics Several causes prevented the usual full attendance of the members of this club Tuesday. The evangelistic movement was of absorbing interest, as were the recent phases of the war in the far east, and the unhappy conditions prevailing in the dominions of the czar. An interesting paper was read by Mrs. L. W. Godin upon the story of the ancient Incas of Peru, attention being especially aroused by the proposed draining of Lake Titicaca, and thus securing the priceless works of art which have lain for so many centuries beneath its waters. Music was acceptably rendered by Miss Josephine Burlingame and Mrs. Small and Mrs. James. A select reading of an amusing dialect story closed the session with music. The following delegates were chosen to represent the club during the state federation: Mrs. Averill, ex-officio; Mrs. W. A. Lamb, alternate; Mrs. Clamplitt, delegate; Mrs. Johnson, alternate. Wednesday Morning Club The Rev. Dana Bartlett lectured before the members of the Wednesday Morning club at their meeting yesterday, and his earnest talk will in all probability lead to the club branching out into philanthropic work in addition to literature and music, with which the club now abounds. In the course of his remarks Dr. Bartlett spoke of the Bethlehem men's hotel at 510 Vignes street, which at present consists of fifty-two well-furnished rooms. He stated, however, that there are several more to be furnished, which can be accomplished at an outlay of \$25 a room. The matter was discussed by the club and it was decided to seriously consider the donation of the required sum for furnishing a room. The matter will come up before the next meeting. In the morning at the business meeting Mrs. H. C. Gower presided and appointed Mrs. W. H. Johnson and Mrs. R. J. Adeock as delegates to the state federation, with Mrs. R. W. Darling and Mrs. Edwin Bird as alternates. Mrs. H. C. Gower and Mrs. Frank E. Prior were appointed delegates by virtue of their office and the president's alternate appointed was Mrs. C. H. Goodrich. During the meeting there was a musical program, which consisted of a vocal solo by Miss Bess Welch and a

Easterner's Experience AS AN ORANGE PICKER Claims He Could Not Get Work Among the Growers Around Redlands REDLANDS, Cal., Jan. 31. Editor Herald: In this morning's Herald is an article on the yellow peril in Redlands, to which I wish to reply and, in the beginning, will state that I have no sympathy with racial prejudice. Your editorial states that there is a scarcity of help in the orange district. Four weeks ago a friend and myself left Los Angeles for Redlands, stopping at Pomona and Colton. At neither of these places could we find work, and in reply to our applications were told that there were more pickers than jobs; that picking had stopped, or that there would be no picking until there was an improvement in the market, which was not expected for several weeks. We arrived at Redlands and found men on the street idle. We asked the teamsters at the packing houses for work, as is the custom, and could get no satisfaction. We walked the country roads but met with no success. Even the orchardists to whom we applied knew of no one who was scarce of help in this district, where such scarcity is being continually advertised in the press of Southern California. I know of several persons who have come here from San Diego and were here for a week, when one happened by chance to secure a job. Now, Mr. Editor, there is help enough in the Redlands district to do the picking and there are laborers enough in Southern California to meet the demand without misrepresenting facts. Misrepresentation is bringing to this state men who sometimes are compelled to resort to practices which are criminal in order to live when the last cent is gone. The so-called hobo who were once law-abiding citizens in the east, induced to migrate to this state by glaring inducements as to scarcity and high wages of labor, both in the city and country. They soon find that the statements are false and if they wish to earn a living and save money they must tramp the country roads with a pack on their backs, working in this place and in that place a month. As a result they save little and are compelled to adapt themselves to a life hitherto unknown. I believe from my observation that, while there are men who are careless and independent, there are more who can be depended upon. And further let me warn the ranchers that these Japanese will in time become as independent and careless. I worked in a dry yard at Colusa a year ago, where a dozen of the yellow men were employed. They went on a strike several days a week and were just as capable of trickery, carelessness and deceit as the rest of mankind. Now, Mr. Editor, I think you should make a distinction between the so-called hobo and the laborer who has been induced to migrate to this state by golden rewards for labor only to spend his savings trying to secure a position and when his savings are gone, is compelled to live in cheap lodging houses and be "bummy." There is no necessity of socialism in California, but the attitude of a certain class of people imbued with a commercial spirit is encouraging the spread of the doctrines of that party and creating Socialists every day of the year. AN EASTERNER. In the above communication the writer says, "I believe from my observation that while there are many who are careless and independent there are more who can be depended upon." That accords, in the main point, with the complaint of the orange growers. They do not charge that all of the white orange pickers are not reliable. Our correspondent is a man of education and evidently of the class of desirable workers. It is his misfortune to suffer by reason of the shortcomings of others, and he would subvert his best interests by breaking away from the many, as he says, who are "careless and independent," as charged by the growers. EDITOR.

PERSONAL Lord Athlumney, accompanied by C. Ansele and E. Hussey of London, Eng., arrived in Los Angeles yesterday afternoon and is stopping at the Van Nuys hotel. The party is touring America and will spend the next few weeks in Los Angeles and the surrounding winter resorts. T. C. Powell, freight traffic manager of the Southern railway, with headquarters at Washington, D. C.; S. H. Hardwick, general passenger agent; H. B. Spencer, general manager of the St. Louis-Louisville lines, with Mrs. Spencer, and the Misses Hussey and Humphrey of Louisville, Ky., arrived in Los Angeles Tuesday and after a day's stay in the city left for Pasadena, where the party is stopping at the Hotel Green. First Promoter—You say \$50,000,000 is about the value of your mine holdings? Second Promoter—They're worth every bit of it. First Promoter—You ought to incorporate. Second Promoter—I would, but it costs \$2 to incorporate in this state.—Louisville Courier-Journal.