

# SWEEPING CHANGE IN POLICE FORCE

## CHIEF AND COMMISSION TO BE GIVEN MORE POWER

More Direct Control of Appointment of Confidential Officers Is Desired by Board—Opinion by City Attorney

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## GROVES RELEASED AND REARRESTED IN A DAY

### Forgery Charge Dismissed in Police Court—Attorney Held Under Bail by Justice

After having been released on the charge of forgery in the police court yesterday morning, Attorney A. Groves, alleged to be a forged deed swindler, was yesterday rearrested and taken before Justice Pierce in the township court.

In the justice's court he is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in securing \$300 on an alleged false deed in which appear the names of P. Hackett and A. Langworthy.

These names are said to be fictitious, and the authorities are determined to make this charge hold, after having failed in the forgery case by reason of the fact that the alleged forged instruments are missing.

Attorney Dyer, in behalf of Groves, asked the court to fix his client's bail in the sum of \$1000. Deputy District Attorney McComas demurred to the amount and urged the court to fix the bail in the sum of \$2500.

After considerable argument Justice Pierce fixed the amount at \$2000.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN FAVOR OF ESPEY BILL

### Secretary Instructed to Ask Legislators to Support Anti-Racing Measure

The law committee, to which was referred the communication from the ministers of the city asking the chamber of commerce to support the Espey bill, No. 237 1/2, now before the legislature, reported to the board of directors at the meeting yesterday that there was no objection to the bill and that it would accomplish the purpose desired. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the representatives at Sacramento, requesting them to support the passage of the bill, which limits racing in the state.

The committee on commerce reported, offering the following resolution, which was adopted, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the representatives in congress, asking them to support the same: "That the Los Angeles chamber of commerce does hereby earnestly protest against any legislation reducing the present duty on either raw or refined sugar imported into the United States from any country, and hereby requests the senators and representatives in congress to use all lawful means to prevent this direct annihilation of this industry in the state of California."

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Ohanian, with two other Armenians, is wanted at Foxboro, Mass., on the charge of arson, having, it is alleged, conspired to defraud an insurance company by setting fire to a large stock of goods.

The men were indicted by the Norfolk county grand jury last April and since that time they have been fugitives from justice.

One of Ohanian's accomplices in the conspiracy is now serving a sentence of seven years in the Massachusetts state penitentiary at Charlestown, and a diligent search is being made for the others implicated in the crime.

John H. Scott of the district state police of Massachusetts and Deputy Sheriff Oscar D. Capen of Norfolk county, Massachusetts, arrived in Los Angeles yesterday for their man.

The attorneys raised a dispute in court yesterday over the validity of the requisition papers signed by Governor William L. Douglas of Massachusetts. It appears that the signature of Governor Douglas was in a questionable position on the writ.

"That governor wants to wake up and put his name in the right place," finally remarked Judge Smith, "but it is not within my province to pass upon the validity of this paper. Governor Fardee has seen fit to approve the writ, and the prisoner is therefore remanded."

## JAPANESE ROBBED OF HIS ENTIRE SAVINGS

### Many Petty Burglaries Are Reported From Various Parts of the City

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S. Ishikawa, a Japanese, living at 429 Wall street, reported the loss of a considerable sum of money and valuables from his room late Tuesday night while he was asleep.

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### Suit for Commission of \$50,000 Is Decided

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In his complaint Crowell asked the court to award him damages in the sum of \$50,000 against Thomas Ewing, a well known mine owner and broker. The case has been on trial before Judge Conroy in the superior court for several days, and both sides have bitterly contested the action from the start.

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storm occurred on February 3. Weather very mild; some fruit trees in blossom. Seeding is not finished; a good deal of grain remains to be sown. Crops are looking well.

Orange—More than four inches of rain fell during the storm; the heaviest precipitation occurred Sunday night, when 1.05 inches fell. Some damage occurred on cultivated land from washing. Some peach trees are in bloom, but the rain will probably prevent the buds from setting.

#### San Diego County

Campo—At this point 4.34 inches rain fell during the week, making 10.71 inches for the season. It was a fine, warm rain and no snow appeared on the high mountains. Streams are running full and will continue to run for some time; reservoirs are fast filling up and valleys at the heads of rivers are getting an underground supply for future use.

Chula Vista—Rainfall for the week, 2.66 inches. Stormy weather prevented plowing and seeding during the latter portion of the week, which previously had been rushed with all expedition by all who had teams for doing the work. Crops seem to be fully assured.

#### BOARD DOES NOT FAVOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY

#### Merchants and Manufacturers' Association Resents Inference That Compromise Has Been Made

At a special meeting of the directors of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association a committee representing those interested in the success of the evangelistic work now in progress in the city appeared before the directorate and made a formal request that the association endorse the proposition for closing all the stores of Los Angeles for two hours on February 14, in order that all of the merchants and employees may have an opportunity to attend and enjoy the benefits of the religious services. Dr. Robert McIntyre was the spokesman for the committee.

After the members of the committee had retired the request was discussed at some length, and the following resolution was adopted as the expression of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that it is inadvisable to endorse the request of the committee representing the evangelists to close the stores of this city Tuesday, February 14, between the hours of 11:30 a. m. and 2 p. m., as many of the larger firms have been interviewed and have expressed themselves as unfavorable to such action."

Since the above action was taken by the directorate statements have been published to the effect that the Merchants and Manufacturers' association had been a party to a compromise by way of personal consent on the part of the merchants or by means of the posting of consent cards in the stores. These reports appear to be without authority so far as the association as a body is concerned.

Secretary Zeehandelaar of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association said last evening: "Please state that all talk about a compromise on the part of the association is without foundation. The association has expressed itself in the resolution and there is nothing more to be said. The members of this association are among the best business men of Los Angeles and the action of the directorate will stand without change."

#### HURT BY HORSE; SUES FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

#### Proprietors of Long Beach Livery Stable Defendants in Suit

Alleging he was permanently injured by a vicious horse, M. A. Gardner yesterday filed suit in the superior court against L. H. Moore and E. P. Coale, the proprietors of the Tally-ho stables at Long Beach.

The accident is said to have occurred on the evening of November 18, 1903, and the animal, declared to have collided with Gardner, is described as a saddle horse known as "Ned."

Gardner says in his complaint, among other things, that he was rendered senseless, that he suffered concussion of the brain, sustained a broken nose, and was more or less permanently disfigured about the face.

In estimating his damages Gardner first asks the court to award him damages in the sum of \$5000 for the injuries. In another count he asks the court to award him the sum of \$10 for damage done to his clothes. Gardner says he was compelled to expend the sum of \$14.50 in the payment of a surgeon's bill, and also \$25 for the services of a nurse. Having been prevented from attending to his ordinary labor, Gardner estimates his loss in this particular to be at least \$795.

#### Will Not Sign

There is little likelihood that the three street railroad franchises granted by the council Tuesday will ever go on record as such. The passage of the charter amendments by the legislature has killed them in the incubating stage. The documents have been sent to the mayor, but it is expected that he will return them to the council for reconsideration. It is certain that he will not sign them.

#### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Acts on Nature's Plan

The most successful medicines are those that aid nature. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. Take it when you have a cold and it will allay the cough, relieve the lungs, and expectoration, open the secretions and aid nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. It is famous for its cures over a large part of the civilized world. Thousands have testified to its superior excellence. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. For sale by all druggists.

If you want to get cured, C. Hayward, Agent Illinois Central R. R., 241 S. Spring.

## ALTERATION SALE CONTINUED

*The Broadway Department Store*

BROADWAY, COR. FOURTH LOS ANGELES. JEWELRY, LITHO, PROPRIETOR

### Boys' \$4 Wool Suits \$2.48

Boys' suits, made from good wool cloths in neat patterns and excellent colors; neatly tailored and splendidly lined; sizes for boys from 6 to 10 years of age; actual \$4.00 values. Today, \$2.48.

### Boys' \$2.50 Wool Suits \$1.69

Boys' suits, made from good, strong wool tweeds and chevots, in neat colors; well tailored and substantially lined; good assortment of sizes; regular \$2.50 values. Today, \$1.69.

### Semi-Annual \$5 Suit Sale

Suits for Men and Young Men—Splendid Values up to \$10

Our semi-annual \$5.00 suit sale goes merrily on. It commenced last Saturday and will continue all this week. The values are phenomenal. There are suits of all kinds and all styles for men of all builds; some worth \$10.00 and some worth more. If you haven't already secured one of these suits, do so now and if you've bought one it wouldn't be a bad idea to buy another, for you can buy a complete suit for the price of a pair of trousers.

### \$1.00 Golf Shirts 50c

Men's golf shirts, made from good materials, in both light and dark colors; neat, up-to-date patterns; some pleated fronts in the lot; both attached and detached cuffs; all sizes from 14 to 17; not a shirt in the lot worth less than \$1.00 and some worth more. Today, each, 50c.

### 50c Underwear 35c

A big lot of men's underwear, in various styles; plain French balbriggans, in both shirts and drawers; all sizes; medium and heavy weight; ribbed, fleece-lined shirts; good colors; nicely finished; good, serviceable garments; all extra good 50c values. Today, the garment, 35c.

### White Waistings Worth 12 1/2c Yd. 12 1/2c

White figured waistings, of madras weave; just the thing for women's shirt waists and shirt waist suits; pretty raised figures and floral designs; heavy weight materials; worth 25c. Today, the yard, 12 1/2c.

### 25c Wash Goods 15c

New lace striped zephyrs; 30 inches wide; fine and sheer; wide and narrow lace stripes; new embroidered patterns; all the wanted colors; new arrivals for spring; worth 25c. Today, the yard, 15c.

### 25c German Flannel 12 1/2c

Heavy German flannel, in the best of patterns for kimonas and dressing gowns; a heavily fleeced material 30 inches wide; worth regularly 25c. Today, the yard, 12 1/2c.

### 20c Colored Batiste 10c

Fancy colored batiste; 32 inches wide; pretty dots, figures and stripes; excellent materials for plain dresses and kimonas; worth 20c. Today, the yard, 10c.

### Women's 50c Hosiery 25c

Three different styles of women's hosiery; plain black, split foot and pure maco foot; full fashioned; Hermsdorf dye; regular 50c values. Today, the pair, 25c.

### Women's \$1.50 98c Shoes

Of Dongola Kid  
Women's shoes of soft dongola kid; made on common-sense lasts with hand-turned soles; plain, broad toes; both lace and congress style; excellent shoes for tender feet; \$1.50 values. Today, the pair, 98c.

### Slippers 45c

Women's felt house slippers; comfortable, easy lasts; flexible toes and low heels; sizes 3 to 8; 75c values. Today, the pair, 45c.

### School Shoes \$1.19

Girls' school shoes, made of firm dongola kid or box calf; good weight extension soles; round toes with kid or patent leather tips; sizes 8 1/2 to 2; \$1.50 values. Today, the pair, \$1.19.

# Sale of Pants.....

In conjunction with our clothing sale we are going to do some lively price cutting in our trouser dept. We have made up two special lots of trousers—

<b>Trousers \$3.00</b> Formerly \$4.00, \$4.25 and \$5.00	<b>Trousers \$4.25</b> Formerly \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00
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These trousers come in the very newest winter styles and include the celebrated Paragon pants. More style and a better fit than a tailor could give you, and a tailor would ask you double these prices. Sale starts sharply this morning.

## James Smith & Co.

137-139 South Spring St.

## The Oswald Home Tract

*Cream of the Southwest*

Don't delay an hour, but come now and make your investigation. All of our improvements are completed. Remember this is high-class property and our prices, \$550, \$650 and \$750, are right. This property lies high and dry; not "undulated" by water like other tracts. Come out and see for yourself.

### One-Quarter Down

Balance on Easy Terms

Take Maple Avenue car to Forty-sixth Street. Office on the Tract. Open Sundays.

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And you will say so when you examine our fine stock of vehicles, harness, robes, blankets and whips. We want you to take a look in our windows and note our special display of these and other goods, including some beautiful saddles; then step inside and get our prices. If you don't buy it will be because you don't see the goods.

**Hawley, King & Co.**  
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The largest assortment of Boots and Shoes in Southern California.

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Furnishes advance reports on all contract work, such as sewers, irrigation and pumping plants and all buildings. Personal and professional matters. Entrance 304 Mercantile Place. Telephone 7891 Home.

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