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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 reappointment of Gen. M. M. Sherman as a water commissioner is as satisfactory to all citizens of Los Angeles as it was to the council, as indicated by the unanimous vote in confirmation of the mayor's appointment.

An item in the Indian appropriation bill makes provision for an official investigation into the condition of the California Indians, with a view to a methodical plan of improvement. A commission of three persons, one of whom must be a Californian, will look into the subject.

The assembly bill providing for a legal half holiday for Saturday was defeated last Monday. On the same day a bill was passed limiting the workday of drug clerks to ten hours. What a wide difference there is in the various demands for higher wages, shorter hours and less work.

Among the notable arrivals in Los Angeles yesterday was Mrs. Ballington Booth of the Volunteers of America, who is noted especially for her devotion to the unfortunate in penal institutions. Her life work and that of the organization she represents are on the line of practical Christianity.

In the forecast of the present cold wave in the east zero temperatures were expected as far south as Virginia and "freezing weather in the south central portions of the Florida peninsula." This indicates a probable repetition of the recent disaster to the Florida orange industry.

New York cannot be so dreadfully wicked as it is painted. A dispatch from that city states that "scores of persons have been severely injured by falls owing to ice and hardened snow." According to the Bible, "the wicked stand on slippery places"; inferentially only the righteous fall on the ice.

More weather trouble for persons trying to escape from the blizzard swept east to genial Southern California. Kansas City reports all trains on several railway lines many hours late "and some through California trains annulled." But great tribulation makes paradise the brighter when you get there.

A dispatch from Chicago states that John W. Gates, steel trust magnate and general financial leviathan, "is heading for a warmer climate for the rest of the winter." Southern California is his objective point, but it is not so warm here as it is at Yuma, nor nearly so warm as at a point supposed to be near Yuma.

The news that an airship passed from London to Paris safely, attaining a speed of seventy miles an hour in crossing the British channel, proves that there is something doing in aeronautics on the farther side of the Atlantic. There are only two American aeronauts in public view now and both of them are Californians.

The president's personal courage never has been questioned, but his personal discretion is questionable in such a visit as he made last night to the great foreign quarter of New York's East Side. In the light of experience involving the death of three American presidents, such unnecessary personal exposure is closely akin to rashness.

At last the order has come from Washington to demolish that "magnificent ruin" at the corner of Main and Winston streets, to clear up the premises and offer the land for sale. It is the eyesore known as the old postoffice building, or rather what was left of the structure after the wreckers were ordered to stop work on it three or four years ago.

The city garbage contractor begs to be released from his job for a cause characteristic of Los Angeles. He says the city is growing so rapidly that he cannot keep up with it in his work, complaining that buildings have been erected at the rate of 1200 a year since he took the contract. As the city cannot conveniently stop expanding, the garbage man will have to seek other relief from his dilemma.

The value of electric railways in Los Angeles and its neighborhood is represented by big figures, as shown by the taxable valuation placed on them by the state board of equalization. The Los Angeles railway is taxed at \$2,329,945, the Pacific Electric at \$3,510,595, the Los Angeles Pacific at \$1,653,595 and two minor corporations at a total of nearly \$1,000,000. What the actual value may be is another question, but whatever it may be the system is well worth its figure.

The exhortation of the San Francisco Examiner by Gavin McNab was one of the most interesting incidental features of the bribery inquiry by the senate committee. The direct charge was made that the paper is concerned in the scheme "to defraud the public, debauch the accused senators and bring dishonor on the upper house and the state." The connection of the Examiner with the conspiracy, as pointed out by Mr. McNab, was made evident by the paper's knowledge "not only of what the committee on commissions and retrenchment would do, but what it proposed to do." More disclosures of the Examiner's complicity in the matter may be expected when the facts are brought out on trial in the criminal prosecution of the accused senators.

AUCROAT OF THE HOUSE

The most arbitrary act of coercion ever attempted in congress is witnessed in the action of Speaker Cannon concerning the statehood bill. In the most glaring acts of former Speaker Reed for the control of procedure in the house there never was a parallel to the attempted driving of a large number of members to act in direct opposition to their expressed convictions. That is what Speaker Cannon is now attempting. It should be noted, however, that he evidently is merely the figurehead of the powerful Republican element in the house which has all along been determined to link Arizona and New Mexico as a single state.

This rounding up of thirty-three Republican members of the house as if they were cattle forced into a corral can be fully appreciated only by considering the situation in all its bearings. The statehood bill providing for the union of the two territories, as passed by the house, was amended by the senate so as to make one state of New Mexico and another state of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Arizona was left as a territory, its claim to statehood being deferred indefinitely.

The senate amendments were bitterly opposed by Republican leaders, with Senator Beveridge at the head, but finally they were adopted. Failing in the senate to accomplish their purpose, the group of leaders transferred their field of operations to the house, as is apparent in the present situation there. Speaker Cannon is attempting to accomplish for these leaders in the house what Senator Beveridge failed to accomplish in the senate. That is the situation as clearly shown in the attempted round-up of the thirty-three Republican members who have asserted their independence of the party lash.

Speaker Cannon undertook to whip the obstreperous members into line by forcing them, under partisan penalty, to sign an agreement whereby they shall stick to any plan adopted in the general conference of Republican members. At last accounts this autocratic scheme was likely to succeed, as the independents had the choice of signing the agreement or being ostracized by the majority of their party in congress. By securing the desired signatures in this manner Speaker Cannon will be able to accomplish his purpose of defeating the senate amendments and insisting on the original plan of joint statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

By this despotic act of a strong group of Republican leaders in congress the situation in respect to Arizona becomes as dangerous as it was before the senate's action on the statehood bill. It is intimated that certain senators who stood out against the joining of Arizona and New Mexico may be whipped into line in case the house program of Speaker Cannon proves successful.

AMAZING YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY

Notwithstanding all the good elements in Los Angeles it would be difficult to find its equal in youthful depravity if we may judge from such revelations as almost daily come to public notice. For instance, note the case of two boys, 13 and 15 years of age respectively, who confessed on Monday to the commission of so many burglaries that they could not remember all of them. The young rascals pursued their calling with the artfulness of expert and hardened burglars, perpetrating robberies daily apparently for love of that species of crime.

But the depravity of a class of youngsters in this city is not confined to house robbery, as in the case of the two culprits who operated in the southwest district. Gambling and other vices that are stepping stones toward ruin are indulged by many boys whose parents are in total ignorance of their habits. It is from these early steps in vice that the downward pathway leads ultimately to state prison and dishonorable death.

But what else can be expected when Los Angeles tolerates the means whereby boys are lured to depravity? Starting with evil associates the most exemplary boy in the city may be gradually drawn from the line of rectitude until finally he develops into a full-fledged criminal. The cigarette habit, which seems to be a sort of vestibule at the entrance to a criminal career, quickly leads to first lessons in gambling. Throwing dice or playing "craps" for cigarettes soon becomes too tame for the youngster in process of criminal evolution. Then he goes a step farther by playing for small sums of money, gambling in a small way at the race track and finally taking to thieving as a means of supplying his financial needs.

So long as boys find pernicious literature to read in their own homes, newspapers that by picture and description make vice and crime alluring, so long will the seeds of criminal careers be sown in Los Angeles.

FOOD FOR BODY AND MIND

Both in New York and Chicago the deplorable fact is recognized that tens of thousands of school children are underfed to the extent of being inapt in their studies. In the larger city, according to the estimate, "the number of improperly nourished children exceeds 70,000." The basis of the estimate is derived chiefly from the reports of the Children's Aid society, from facts gathered by the board of education and other reliable sources.

In both the big cities a novel plan has been devised by the Salvation Army aiming to help the underfed school children mentally and physically. Free breakfasts for unfortunate youngsters are provided in sections of the city where poverty most largely prevails. The free breakfasts are not given miscellaneously, of course. If all comers were served alike the breakfast donors would be swamped with the rush of applicants. Children thus served must present coupons given by their school teachers, as provided by the Salvation Army, stating that their parents are too poor to feed them properly.

The importance of such a charity can hardly be understood as viewed from conditions in Los Angeles, where there is no need for its introduction. As an indication of the extreme poverty of a large class of population in the former city it is stated that last year, according to the relief records of the state board of charities, the number of families dispossessed for non-payment of rent was upward of 60,000. It is not difficult to imagine that the school children of such families are underfed and underclothed.

Here again the Salvation Army appears in the role of the Good Samaritan. The plan of giving breakfasts to the children of poverty who attend the public schools was actuated by practical Christianity, "without parade or ado," as remarked by a Chicago newspaper.

Under the new ordinance the gas company will not be allowed to use the Los Angeles river as a dumping ground for the nasty refuse from its works. This does not prohibit the company, however, from continuing to dump its wretched service on the public.

Cruel Kansas has killed the aspiration of the women of that state who want to vote for presidential electors. The vote in the senate was very emphatic in opposition to the bill—twenty-nine to six. Mutual condolences are in order between the California and Kansas women who yearn for the ballot.



WHO IS MASTER?

Social Diary and Gossip

BY GRACE GRUNDY

Did you ever sit behind an obstreperous large black hat at the theater and wish for and say things to yourself and after your vision had been obstructed on every side, you had begun to wonder whether you were living in modern times or in the day of barbaric theater head wear?

Well, not long ago I went to the theater and was comfortably settled after having removed my own chapeau and giving my hair a few finishing pats.

Everything went lovely and I saw a dozen or more friends with whom I exchanged bows across the theater and settled back for a real nice evening, the play being a good one.

But my troubles came in the form of a pert young female and a hat. It was a glorious thing with all sorts of bewildering trimming, the glory of which lay in its being topped off with a black veil, the kind you purchase to wear over your season's hat when you are trying to make it last till the opening day at your milliner's.

This young being sat plump in front of me. She did not come in until the middle of the first act, and after she was settled and several persons in proximity had got over gasping at her entrance, we began to watch for the removal of the affair on her head. Well, she made no move to do so and as she was evidently one of the disciples of the "snakebite" dance she did some real graceful pirouettes and moved with agility from one side of her seat to the other. By the end of the act she hadn't been beaten at all in the quick movement business, and I could tell just when she would bob her head to one side and I would bob mine to the other until I began to feel that I could dodge anything that should come my way and see more of the stage from behind the biggest obstruction than anybody in the theater.

Finally it occurred to me that my adversary with the hat was an intruder and that an ordinance exists forbidding the wearing of such during the performance. So, in my sweetest possible manner I reached over and asked her to remove the offending ornament. She ignored me. Then I sent for an usher, who came down, took in the situation and told me he was not on duty. Then I insisted on one being sent one who was. About this time it was even money on who would win.

Then came a second usher who simply looked at me and she complied with the request made by me, but indorsed by forty within the radius of sixteen aisles.

On leaving the theater this is what I overheard in the foyer. The second usher was telling just how it happened to a third ditto: "Well you see that's his steady, meaning the first usher, 'and she had just got that hat and she thought it was dead swell. You see he and the goll have a bad case of love at first sight and he was so weak that he told her she could wear the hat if she wanted to. Now she is used to reading story books where there are knights and ladies and coal black steeds and she had fitted him to a hero in one Bertha Clay's fine novels, so he didn't dare tell her that he didn't own the theater and that he would die for her. But as for me, well—"

Now I have always been obliged to remove my hat and I had grown to believe that managers had long ago enforced the shedding of hats at the very first raise of the curtain. But of late one seems to have but little rights after securing one seat in being able to view a performance. It seems as if

it might be a matter for which managers should be on the alert and not compel their patrons to call several ushers to the rescue.

Amid bowers of pretty blossoms, soft glowing lights and surrounded by a host of admiring friends, Mrs. Seeley W. Mudd of 1319 West Eighth street entertained at an elaborate luncheon and card party yesterday afternoon.

The affair was planned in honor of Miss Mary Foster of Boston and guest of Mrs. Mudd, Miss Genevieve Smith and Miss Belle Pusey of Louisville, Ky., a trio of charming young women.

In each room an individual color was used and lights were shaded to harmonize with each.

Flaming poinsettias were gracefully combined in the drawing room with smilax and ferns, while the reception hall was resplendent in pink blossoms and lights. Here carnations were used exclusively in large graceful clusters.

The dining room was a symphony in yellow and violet. Overhead was a canopy of feathery ferns, while the buffet, sideboard and dining table were brightened with clusters of violets and jonquils. Favors for the guests were clusters of the violets tied with brightly colored gauze bows. After luncheon hearts was played and scores for the game were kept on heart-shaped cards bearing the hostess' monogram in red, pink and gold.

The prizes were handsome, one being a Toletti cupid in a Florentine frame and the second a heart-shaped candlestick of French bronze and Dresden china. The third was a dainty plate elaborately decorated with cupids.

In the course of the afternoon delightful music was rendered by Mrs. J. M. Jones, harpist.

Mrs. Mudd was assisted in receiving by her guests of honor and was attired in a handsome imported lace robe.

Of the many affairs in honor of Miss Lila Fairchild and John G. Mott the most brilliant has been the valentine dancing party given at Kramer's last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jevne, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Braly and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jevne.

The colors used in the decorations were pink and green, which Miss Fairchild has chosen also for her wedding appointments. In the reception hall pink blossoms and ferns were combined and the lights were shaded with tiny pink roses. In the ball room was a canopy of asparagus plumosus, from which was suspended pink hearts and little Cupids. From the center was a larger Cupid, surrounded by pink pause hearts.

The music stand was screened in bamba and cattails, and above this in floral design was part of the score of "That's the Sweetest Story Ever Told." About the balcony were garlands of pink roses held in place by the tiny gods of love. Over the mirrors the pink roses were used in sprays, and these were pierced with gold and silver darts.

In the banquet room were festoons of smilax and yellow ribbons. Here yellow fairy lights were used and the large round table had for its centerpiece a large basket of yellow daffodils, which rested on a soft arrangement of yellow tulle. At this table were seated the guests of honor and their bridal suite. Other guests were seated at small tables, which had on them small baskets of the blossoms, the handles being tied with yellow bows.

Buster Brown valentines were used throughout the decorations. Mrs. Hans Jevne was attired in black velvet, with point lace trimmings, and Mrs. Braly wore an imported gown of white crepe

Mrs. Jack Jevne was attired in white lace. The hostesses were assisted in receiving by Miss Fairchild, Mr. Mott, Mrs. J. A. Fairchild, Mrs. David Murray of Salt Lake, Miss Alma Jevne of Chicago, Mrs. I. N. Van Nuys, Mrs. Stephen C. Hubbell, Mrs. J. H. F. Peck, Mrs. Charles Prager and Mrs. C. E. Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Off of 104 North Union avenue entertained with a valentine party on Monday evening. The decorations were in keeping with the day and hearts were played. Scores were kept on heart shaped cards, those of the women being ornamented with sketches of Cupids, while the men's bore humorous verses. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. John Norton, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bemis, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Millsbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wing, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. James, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse, Mr. and Mrs. John Connon, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. William Davies, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Maranville, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brookins, Dr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. A. Off, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Off, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Robinson, Mrs. Marie Carhart, Mrs. James Barnett, Mrs. W. W. Jeffries, Miss Harriet Longstreet, Miss Eve Tatum, E. Wehrle, Philip Devoin and R. T. Gates.

Miss Katharine Kemper of 413 West Twenty-third street has returned from a visit of several months in Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Joseph and Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. E. T. Dunning will entertain members of the Galpin Certifying Shakespeare class on Saturday, February 18.

Mrs. Henry R. Lacey entertained at luncheon yesterday for Mrs. J. C. Goodrich of Washington, D. C., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Neuner. Covers were laid for fourteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Solano of 2306 South Figueroa street entertained Monday evening with a dinner complimentary to Mrs. Phillips of San Francisco, who is visiting Bishop and Mrs. Johnson of 2317 South Figueroa street. The table was round and laid with a handsomely embroidered cloth. In the center pink stock was effectively arranged, and crystal candelabra added to the ideally dainty affair. Besides the host and hostess those seated at the table were: Mrs. Phillips, Bishop and Mrs. Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Jarvis Barlow, Mrs. J. P. Jones of Santa Monica, Miss Margaret Sweet, James Slauson, Will Wolters and Mr. Brown.

Miss Enid Favel of the Girls' Collegiate school entertained a few of her friends on Saturday evening with a valentine party. The rooms were decorated with greenery and red hearts of all sizes. The dining room, where refreshments were served, was bright with flowers and hearts. Progressive hearts were played, followed by other amusing games. Those present were: Misses Ella Figge, Kathleen Lockhart, Mildred Whitnab, Hattie Linda, Gladys Moore, Ethel Siegel, Lillian Barthugh, and Messrs. Ned Manning, Clarence Bean, Clifford Powers, Mart Jones, Jr., Arthur Tyler, Waitman Vickrey, Alfred Unbecher and Charles Goff.

Mrs. W. H. Cook of 849 South Bonnie Brae street was the hostess of a prettily appointed luncheon Monday, given for Mrs. E. P. Thompson of Indianapolis, Ind., who has been for the past few months visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Davison of Westlake avenue. It was a valentine affair, and decorations were in keeping with this season. Over the table a lace cloth over red silk was spread, and in the center a low bowl of red carnations. Silver candelabra

shaded with crystal shades over red were effective, and the menus were heart-shaped, adorned with heads of pretty girls. Those present were: Mrs. J. H. Davison, Mrs. Edward L. Doheny, Mrs. Bletson, Mrs. J. A. Crampton-Anderson, Mrs. Clarence Cook and Mrs. J. C. Ferrell.

Surprise Wedding
 On Sunday, February 12, at 3 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Grace L., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilhousen, to Gilbert Moberly at the home of the bride's parents, 1107 Central avenue.

The wedding as planned was a surprise, the invited relatives and friends believing it to be, as was stated in the invitations, "the birthday anniversary of Miss Gilhousen." But Rev. Dr. Eressee was also invited as was Prof. Pfaff, pianist, and Prof. A. J. Pickering, violinist. The wedding march from Lohengrin was rendered and the minister met bride and groom under an arch of palms intertwined with roses. During the ceremony the "Flower Song" was softly played, also Mendelssohn's wedding march was played. An informal reception followed and four brothers of the bride sang appropriate songs interspersed with piano solo, C sharp minor waltz, Chopin, by Prof. Pfaff, and violin solo, "Life Let Us Cherish," by Prof. Pickering. Dainty refreshments were served, after which the happy couple departed on a short bridal tour. The young couple will make Los Angeles their home.

Southern Dinner
 Mrs. T. D. Reymert of Dolgeville entertained on Sunday at dinner a score of friends, among whom were several from the hostess' native state, Louisiana.

Mrs. Reymert has recently been on a visit to her former home and brought back with her many of the delicacies which form the menu of a real southern dinner. The viands were prepared according to Creole recipes and were for the most part brought or sent direct from the south for this occasion.

A pretty floral arrangement prevailed, and the guests included Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Reymert's mother; Mr. and Mrs. C. Priddy and sons, James Reymert, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brook, Mrs. Preston of Los Angeles, Mrs. Schultz of San Pedro, Misses Teteles and White of Dolgeville, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hodges and sons of Long Beach.

Talked on Art
 On Monday evening at the home of Mrs. B. J. Arthur the members of the Ceramic club entertained with an informal reception complimentary to John Bisshoff, who is considered one of the best masters of china painting in the United States. Mr. Bisshoff has come to California to make a study of the flowers, and paints in oil and water colors as well as on china. Mrs. Arthur is the president of the club and was assisted in receiving by the officers, including Mrs. Hampton, Miss Elizabeth Lyman and Miss Benjamin. In the dining room pink roses and ferns were used and pink shaded candles added to the artistic effect. Only club members were entertained, including about forty. During the evening Mr. Bisshoff entertained the guests with an interesting little talk on art.

Dancing Party
 Miss Bess Filbert and Miss Vernie Everett entertained with a masquerade dancing party at Miss Filbert's home, 2511 Romeo street, last evening. Decorations were in keeping with the valentine season, red shaded lights and red hearts being features of the attractive arrangement. Refreshments were served at small tables. About fifty guests were present, and music for the dancing was furnished by McVeigh's orchestra.

Double Birthday Celebration
 Mrs. Elizabeth Lovie entertained with a dinner yesterday in honor of the double birthday of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Brown, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edward B. Lovie, both birthdays occurring on valentine's day. Those present were: Mrs. Mary Chadwick of Worcester, Mass., Mrs. Ernest G. Thomas and Miss Louise Thomas of San Francisco, Mrs. Catherine Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Lovie.

SAYS BILL WOULD PROVE INJURIOUS TO BUSINESS
 Assembly Bill 321 is Meeting With Opposition From Boards of Trade

Assembly bill 321, now pending in the California legislature, is apparently receiving the energetic opposition of every association in Los Angeles and Southern California. Secretaries of boards of trade and other commercial organizations are leading in the effort to defeat the passage of the bill, and they are being seconded by kindred associations. Yesterday at a special meeting of the board of directors of the Merchants and Manufacturers association the following action was taken:

Resolved, By the board of directors of the Merchants and Manufacturers association, that assembly bill 321 is in the opinion of the mercantile community one of the most unjust and vicious bills introduced during the present session, as it requires all firms doing business as a corporation to disclose the nature, character and value of their business and their financial standing under oath that might be used by competitors who are not doing business under an incorporated name.

Resolved, Furthermore, that we strongly protest against the passage of any such measure and call upon our representatives in the senate and assembly to vote and work against its passage.

Lightships for the Coast
 By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Two small lightships built at this port for service off the California coast sailed today on their voyage of more than 14,000 miles around Cape Horn to their station on the Pacific coast.