

HUNDREDS GATHER FOR ANNUAL FEAST

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET GREAT SUCCESS

Prominent Men of Los Angeles and Southern California Pledge Loyalty to the Progressive Organization

Patriotism, eloquence and good cheer had full sway last night at Turn Halle on the occasion of the twelfth banquet of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce.

Seated at the tables were representative men of Los Angeles and of Southern California—men of Golden state grit and energy who have contributed so largely to the growth of the sunny southland, still banded together to continue the work of extending the fame and advancement of the city and state.

It was truly a night of good cheer, and the banquet goes into the history of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce as one of the best and most enjoyable affairs of a social character ever given by the organization.

The interior of the large hall was transformed into a conservatory of plants and flowers, generously trimmed with American flags, hatchets with red handles, and the picture of George Washington gracing the center of the stage near the top.

The proscenium arch was hidden by thousands of California lilies and the stage was a veritable bower of tropical plants, including Kentia, Dracena and Phoenix palms, and banana trees, behind which was screened the band.

Across the stage was a colonial picket fence for New England effect and overhanging it was a profusion of mountain ferns and smilax thus uniting the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts. Pendant from the lofty ceiling were the mission bells of the self-denying pioneer clergymen.

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A Feast of Eight Courses Followed by Songs and Instrumental Music

The reception hour was six o'clock and with William D. Stephens as chairman the committee was kept busy receiving the members and guests, among whom were Frank Knox, bank president; L. H. Farnsworth, bank cashier; Fisher Harris, manager of the Commercial club, and J. Downan Reavis, all of Salt Lake, Utah.

The tables covered all the floor space. The official table extended across the hall in front of the stage, the others lengthwise toward the entrance. Seated at the official table from south to north were:

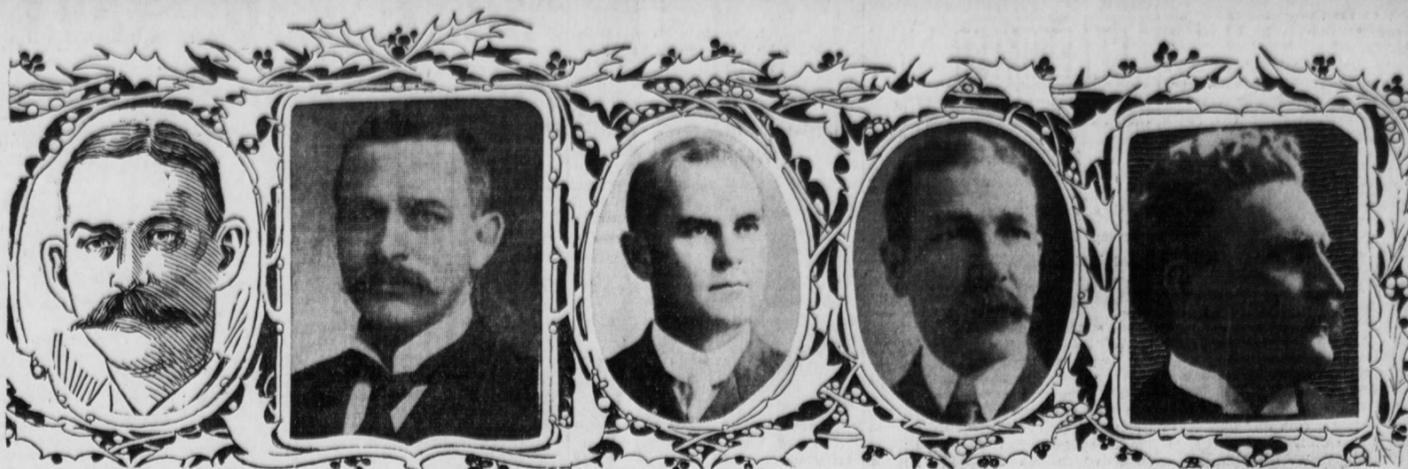
A. W. Skinner, Gail Johnson, R. H. Horn, Leslie Harris of Salt Lake; F. Q. Story, J. Ross Clark, T. E. Gibbon, L. H. Farnsworth of Salt Lake; John H. Francis, C. O. Whittemore of Salt Lake; Edward H. Hart of Oakland; President J. O. Koepfli, toastmaster; Henry W. O'Melveny, Senator Frank P. Flint, Bishop T. J. Conaty, W. H.

MEN AND WOMEN

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ANNUAL BANQUET OF LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ATTENDED BY NEARLY 400 REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, ABOVE, TOASTMASTER H. W. O'MELVENY, SENATOR F. P. FLINT, J. H. FRANCIS, CHARLES WHITTEMORE AND PRESIDENT J. KOEPFLI. BELOW IS BISHOP T. J. CONATY

Hampton, Dan Murphy, Prof. J. A. Foshay, J. W. Washburn, George H. Stewart, J. A. Pierce and William D. Stephens.

During the banquet the "We-ah" and other genial groups joined in club and college songs with accompaniment by the band, the spread of good feeling culminating in the unceremonious imitation of a number of well-known residents, as well as visitors, in the mysteries of the "We-ah" tribe. "No guilty man" was allowed to escape.

President Koepfli, in a congratulatory address in which he alluded to creditable past and glorious future of the chamber of commerce, while welcoming members and visitors presented the toastmaster, Henry W. O'Melveny.

The toastmaster proposed "The President of the United States," all standing to drink to the health of Theodore Roosevelt.

TOAST, "GOOD CITIZENSHIP"

Says Best Type of American Manhood Is President Roosevelt

Senator Frank P. Flint was received with prolonged applause and waving of handkerchiefs. Mr. Flint said: "Neglect of duty as citizens is one of the perils of the nation. We must give attention to civic affairs."

"Why is it that the average business of professional man of today cannot find time to attend to the all-important duties of citizenship? Is there a man anywhere who is largely interested in a banking corporation who would fail to attend a meeting of the stockholders and see that proper officials were elected to manage the affairs of that corporation."

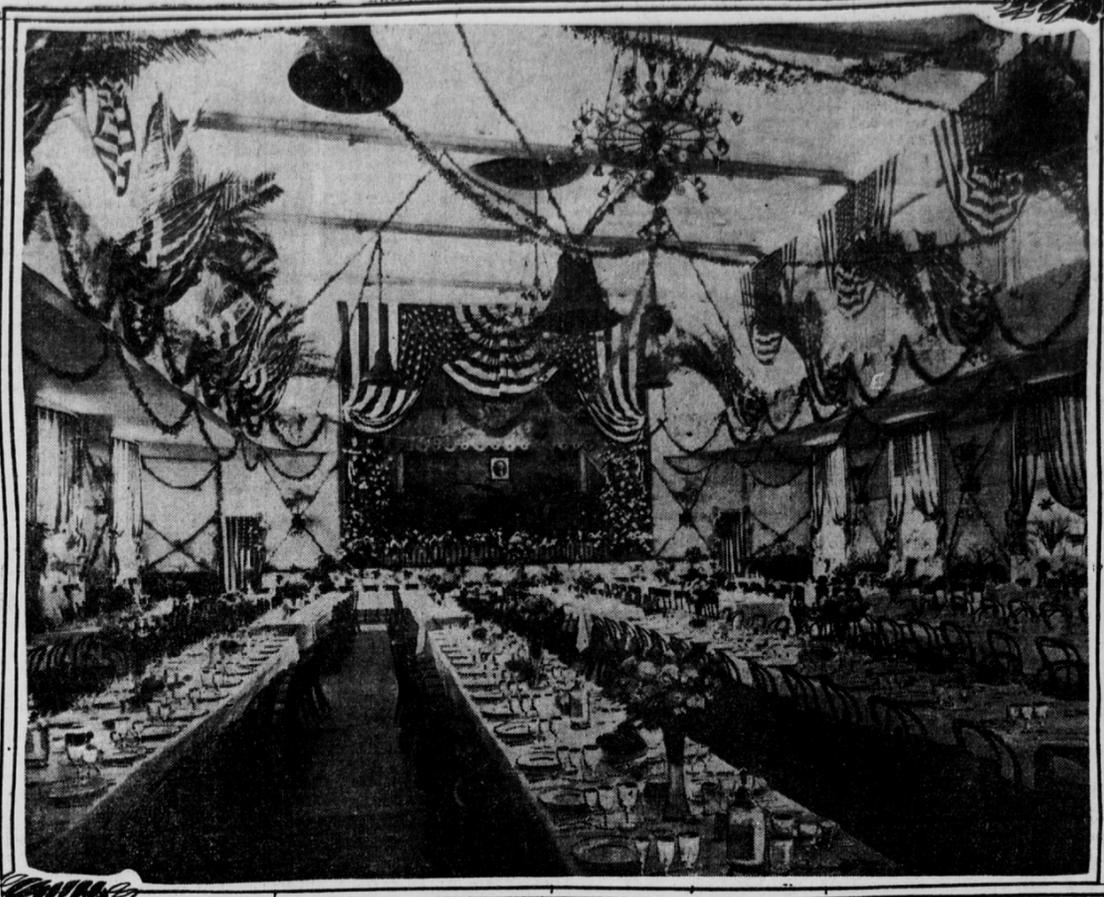
"It is not alone the poor man, or the man of moderate means, even though he may attempt to justify his neglect of his political duty with the statement that 'it is of no use, as the corporations and the bosses will run things to suit themselves,' who is altogether responsible for our present political conditions. It is as well the man of means who contends that he is too busy with his private affairs to take time to exercise his franchise as a citizen."

"We have in our country today a man whose example as a citizen it would be well for all classes to imitate, and especially those who have had all the advantages of education and training, and are financially well-to-do; one who although possessed of sufficient private means to keep him in comfort through life, and who has no reason, other than his patriotism, to trouble himself with the perplexing political problems of the day, but who refused to be a mere parasite on society, and who as a police commissioner, an assistant secretary of the navy, as a soldier, as governor, vice president and president became the ideal good citizen, the foremost American of today! Theodore Roosevelt!"

TOAST, "GEORGE WASHINGTON"

Eloquent Tribute to the Father of His Country

The response to the toast "George Washington was made by John H. Francis, principal of the Los Angeles high school. Mr. Francis said in part: "As a military hero he was the peer of history's great generals. Macedonia gave to the world an Alexander, Rome a Caesar, Greece a Miltiades, France a Napoleon, Prussia a Frederick and England a Wellington, but when George Washington unsheathed his sword under the famous old elm on Cambridge square, and in



DECORATIONS OF TURNER HALL, AS ARRANGED FOR THE BANQUET LAST EVENING

CHARLES WHITTEMORE SPEAKS

Friendly Greeting From the Inland Sea to Los Angeles

Charles O. Whittemore, counsel for the Salt Lake Railroad company, whose trains will soon be running into Los Angeles on schedule time, responded in a happy manner to the toast, "From Salt Lake to the City by the Sea." He said he felt intoxicated with joy and happiness at being honored by an organization which represented within itself the elements that have made the city of Los Angeles the modern marvel of mankind. He said:

"Happy day for Los Angeles! Three happy days for Salt Lake—this day of its union with you and with the sea. Now we in Salt Lake City and Utah will have opened to us, for our iron and coal and for all the products of our mines, our ranches and our fields, the markets of the South American countries, and of the orient. Now will we also be really and truly neighbors and borrow from one another; now we will exchange commodities. You shall have the products of our city and state, and shall send us the products of the grove, the vineyard and the sea."

TOAST "STATE OF CALIFORNIA"

Stirring Response by Edward H. Hart of Oakland

The silvery-tongued orator of the Masonic fraternity, Edward H. Hart of Oakland, in his response to the toast, "California," aroused spontaneous enthusiasm. Coming from the northern end of the state he took occasion to chaff the real estate fraternity of Los Angeles on soaring values and put his points so well that each realty dealer doubtless felt that he was "it."

The sallies of wit provoked general merriment. A great future was predicted for Los Angeles because of the sturdy character of its citizens and because of the rich and inexhaustible resources of the state. Eloquent tributes were paid to the old states of the union. In closing Mr. Hart said:

"And now there remains only to be

BISHOP CONATY'S ADDRESS

Beloved Prelate Sent Everbody Away Feeling Good

Insistent calls were made for Bishop Conaty to address the assemblage. He received an ovation as he arose. He said in substance: "It is not quite fair to call on me, but it seems that everything is fair here tonight. (Laughter.) I made one speech to this chamber that ought to stand as my speech. You honor me by this invitation to say a word. A year ago I was introduced to you. Now I am a full fledged member, and as the boys say, 'I am one of the bunch.' (Cheers.) I am proud of it. I have become thoroughly associated and acclimated. I came, I saw, I was conquered. I have not forgotten old Massachusetts. Ask Skinner. I haven't forgotten the lessons I was taught in the old Bay State. I was taught there love for the state and for the people. Here that love is intensified under the inspiration of tonight. I am delighted that the visitors who have spoken see things here as well as we do. The Lord intended that California should be the home of a happy and prosperous people."

In closing the bishop made a patriotic allusion to the hall decorations, making special reference to the bells and flags.

Members and Friends

Following is a complete list of members and friends of the chamber of commerce at the banquet:

C. O. Whittemore, H. S. Farnsworth, Edwin Stearns, George E. Keith, Philo C. Kenyon, A. W. Skinner, A. C. Rogers, Robert Wankowski, L. A. Groff, F. X. Pfaffinger, R. M. Adams, Mark G. Jones, W. A. Hammel, Robert M. Bula, Fisher Harris, N. P. Alexander, Andrew Eyerle, R. H. Howell, E. J.

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Could Not Attend

Regrets were received from the following to whom invitations had been extended: The president, Theodore Roosevelt; Henry E. Bosch, director of exhibits, Portland, Ore.; E. H. Harriman, president Southern Pacific, Chas. D. Wal-

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