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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 prices obtained by the California senatorial bootleggers seem rather high in comparison with the figure offered an Indiana legislator, a bare \$100.

That \$40,000,000 deficit in the federal treasury, as reported from Washington, does not need to be safeguarded by watchmen, as in the case of the Los Angeles treasury surplus.

San Pedro shipping and maritime news has been made a special feature by The Herald and will be continued regularly. The Herald is the only Los Angeles paper carrying this valuable news in detail.

In Chicago 171 men and one woman were arrested on Tuesday for violating the anti-spitting ordinance. There is a tradition that such an ordinance was enacted in Los Angeles once upon a time. Where is that ordinance now?

A bill providing for the erection of a state historical building in Los Angeles has passed the senate. The similar institution in San Francisco might as well be in another state so far as concerns its usefulness in Southern California.

The mine disaster near Birmingham, Ala., proves to be one of the most terrible that has occurred in many years. It resulted from the usual cause, explosion of mine gas, in this case resulting in frightful mangling of the victims.

The saddling of prohibition upon Oklahoma as a condition of statehood appears to be regarded in the nature of a joke by the inhabitants. The only noticeable effect expected, when Oklahoma acquires statehood, is the changing of saloons to drug stores.

Reno makes the strange report that "heavy rains and a warm temperature during the past few days have resulted in ruining the ice crop in the Sierra Nevadas." How the blizzard-swept east, in recent experience, would have welcomed ice ruining weather!

A reminder of the relative nearness of Los Angeles to Panama comes in a request from the canal commission for Los Angeles helpers. This city is the nearest large supply point on the Pacific coast to meet requirements in the construction of the canal.

Now comes a fresh cause of eastern worry in the prospect of unusually high floods resulting from the large accumulation of snow. This outlook leads a contemporary to say: "There will probably be a demand for elevated cellars when the thaw comes."

The youngest urban infant in the neighborhood of Los Angeles is Hollywood, the jewel of the foothills. Barely old enough to "toddle," it is to have a savings bank and trust company, for which a license has just been issued by the state bank commissioners.

The proposition in the Illinois legislature for the state to lend Kansas \$100,000 for its oil fight was hardly meant to be taken seriously. It is an indication, however, of the intense feeling aroused in all parts of the country against the great trusts, of which the Standard Oil company is the leader.

Missouri is offering a lesson for California in the matter of suppressing race track gambling. The lower house of the Missouri legislature has passed a bill which "prohibits pool selling on horse races in any part of the state." Can California afford the distinction of tolerating a "moral cancer" such as Missouri now is cutting out?

The second through passenger train from Salt Lake to Los Angeles, a special bearing officers of the road and Salt Lake guests, has arrived in this city. To the visitors from the sister city at the other end of the line who have made the initial journey Los Angeles tenders its most cordial welcome and expresses its high esteem.

Petitions to the legislature bearing 15,000 signatures already have been received begging for the passage of the Espey bill aiming to suppress race track gambling. Ten times 15,000 signatures of the same kind might be obtained with sufficient time. The reputable class of Californians almost universally favor the pending measure.

Not long ago we had in California a state commission of barbers. The chief business of the commissioners appeared to be the drawing of salaries. Now a bill has passed the assembly "providing for the appointment of a board of barber examiners." The work of the barbers evidently suits their customers. Why bother them by fool commissioners?

Another example of the "irony of fate." The original manuscript of one of Poe's poems has been sold at auction in New York for \$1000. What a godsend 10 per cent of that sum would have been to poor Poe when his wife was dying in a shack at Fordham, just north of old New York, without a single comfort because of her husband's abject poverty!

OIL TRUST AT BAY

The Standard Oil company has for many years successfully fought its battles for monopoly. For the first time in its history it is now confronted by a situation that causes uneasiness even at the head of the great trust.

Its present task is not the mere crushing of a comparatively feeble competitor, nor the purchase of a venal state legislature.

The outrage in Kansas, like the first gunshot at Lexington, has fired public indignation wherever the news has spread.

The whole nation seems ready to fight the tyrant, from the president to the humblest laborer in the land.

The effect of the popular uprising against the Standard Oil company, as shown in the action of federal and state authorities, is indicated unmistakably in the shrinkage of the company's stock value. A depreciation of nearly 10 per cent—from \$646 to \$595 per share—has been recorded within a week.

It is reported from New York that "the shrinkage in the stock makes a reduction in market value of from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 since the culmination of the Kansas war on the company and the president's announcement of possible criminal prosecution."

It is not only because of the magnitude of the oil trust and of its exceptionally tyrannous methods that the nation is aroused at this juncture. It is because the most powerful of the trusts is at bay, preparing to fight not only its own battle but the battle of the whole brood of trusts now covering behind it.

If the Standard Oil company wins in the battle the future dominance of the trusts in this country will be assured. If it loses the result will be a Waterloo for the whole system of trust monopoly.

In lining up for this momentous contest the powerful oil trust has the substantial backing of every other trust in the United States, representing in all several billion dollars. Arrayed on the other side are the president of the United States and his administration, together with the active support of at least half a dozen state governments and the moral support of every state in the Union.

The Standard Oil company is at bay and will fight like a cornered cat, but for once it has met its match.

THE BOODLERS' NEWSPAPER ALLY

Now comes intimation, both from Sacramento and San Francisco, that the senatorial bootleggers may not be expelled. Speaker Prescott of the assembly has expressed the opinion that the legislature will adjourn March 4.

There is no appearance of hurry about bringing the bootleggers to book, and every day of delay counts in their favor. They still retain their seats and they are taking part in making California laws.

Have they enough senatorial friends to stave off action in their case until the end of the session? If they have such backing all that has been done in their case, so far as concerns the senate, will be nugatory.

It is intimated in Sacramento that senators inclined to aid the bootleggers may find in the demurrer filed in the criminal court a pretext for voting against expulsion. The claim is set up in response to the indictment that "there could have been no bribery in the technical sense since at the time when money is alleged to have been paid to the four senators there was no legislative subject matter before the committee of which they were members."

It would be like grasping at straws for an excuse to vote against expulsion on such ground, but the excuse may be made to answer the purpose nevertheless. Each house of the state legislature has a right to pass on the fitness of members to retain their seats regardless of such technicalities. But "any port in a storm"—any excuse in an emergency.

That the question is quite seriously considered at the capital is apparent from this view of the Sacramento Union: "It was the freely declared opinion of some lawyers yesterday that the attorney for the defense had hit upon a sound point of technical law, and that in consideration of it the accused senators might possibly escape criminal prosecution."

In discussing this phase of the case the San Francisco Bulletin says: "The point raised by the advocates of the bootleggers is the silliest of subterfuges. No man in the senate has any doubt of the guilt of the Examiner's four pet solons. Of course the corruptionists, having resolved to vote against expelling the four of their number who were caught, will seize upon the flimsy pretext that the Examiner's bootleggers were not permitted to add perjury to their other crime."

The specific charge is made by the Bulletin that "a couple of senators controlled by the Examiner and willing to disgrace themselves have announced that they will oppose the recommendation to expel the four bootleggers."

As The Herald has pointed out before, the votes of only ten senators other than the bootleggers would be sufficient to prevent expulsion. If there are smirched senators not yet publicly suspected there will be the strongest personal reason for their sticking to the bootleggers in the emergency.

But no technical excuse will fool the people of California. Every senator who votes against expulsion will be thereafter a marked man, his political doom will be sealed and he will deserve to be ostracized by all honest citizens.

As for the San Francisco Examiner, it is immune from injury to its character for the best of reasons.

SALOON LICENSE MONOPOLY

An example of the glaring imposition that has long been practiced by the saloon license monopoly was revealed on Tuesday. The proprietor of the new Lankershim hotel, it appears, filed an application several weeks ago for a bar license. There is a fixed limit of 200 licenses in the city and none ever is available for a newcomer. The only recourse, even for the proprietor of a splendid new hotel like the Lankershim, has been to make the best obtainable terms in buying a license from one of the brewery companies, which own or control three-fourths of the bar licenses.

In the case of the Lankershim application, as reported, the proprietor "bucked against paying a tribute of \$6000 to the so-called license trust." Incidentally it is stated that at the time of opening the Angelus hotel, not long ago, the lessee paid \$10,000 for his license. By the revocation of a trust license as a penalty for illegal liquor selling on Sunday the Lankershim got its license direct from the police commission without special cost.

The police commissioners are on record as inflexibly opposed to the saloon license monopoly, thus far held and operated by the brewers, immensely to their own profit. It is hoped that the practice will be broken up entirely.

A dentist in Los Gatos was arrested for practicing his profession without a license. He would have been quite safe if he had merely practiced without a forceps.

Social Diary and Gossip

BY GRACE GRUNDY

Scenes of college days at Vassar were recalled yesterday at a luncheon given by the Vassar club members of Southern California in Miss Neally Stevens' studio. The affair was delightful in every particular from the artistic decorations arranged in the rose and gray which is always associated with Vassar, to the dainty luncheon served. Mrs. Andrew Stewart Lobinger, who is president of the organization, acted as hostess. The color scheme for the decorations was carried out even to the place cards, which were pretty affairs of a soft rose tint brightened with silver. Tiny silver and pink hatchets, suggestive of the day, were favors at the place of each guest. Carnations supplied the pink, while the necessary touch of gray was secured by the use of crepe paper. Toasts were proposed to the college and college days, and all during the hour stories of life at Vassar were told and many called forth incidents in the lives of the women, which were told for the first time. Covers were laid for Dr. Emma Sutro Merritt, Miss Ada Thurston of New York, Dr. Lucy Hall-Brown of Brookline, Miss Platt, Miss Mary A. Mineau, Miss Frances Winchester of Milwaukee, Mesdames Andrew Stewart Lobinger, George L. Cole, Susan Dorsey, Nora L. Hussey, C. C. Pierce, Elbert Wing, Charles W. Naumann, Clarence Mann, L. Dean Cady, W. T. McArthur, Potman Turner, H. R. Boynton, W. A. Spaulding, Page Randall, Tunncliffe Parrotte, the Misses Neally Stevens, Sara P. Monks, Ana L. Meeker, Julia Meeker, Grace Pomplly, Emily Reynolds, Katharine Carr, Jean McNair, Elizabeth Guyer, Van Dusen, McNemery, Augusta Dreer, Alice McDonald and Anna B. Orton.

Miss Stella Bumiller, who will soon become the bride of Paul Burks, was the guest of honor at a matinee party, given at the Mason yesterday afternoon by her sister, Miss Emma Bumiller. The party included Mrs. Joseph F. Bumiller, Mrs. John Marble, Mrs. Arthur Braly, Mrs. Ed. Off, Misses Edna Bumiller, Bessie Stafford, Maud Newell, Marian Barber, Irene Taylor and Rowena Moore. Refreshments were served at Christopher's after the performance.

Among the parties that witnessed the performance of "Tannhauser" at the Mason yesterday afternoon was one chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. B. Tibbett, including Misses Edna Chapin, Bessie Chapin, Marguerite Seymour, Rachel Steer, Edna Cook, Irene Northrup and Dora Martin.

Mrs. Walter Galt Barnwell of 645 Rampart street has issued invitations for a card party to be given on Monday afternoon in honor of Miss Margaret Wild of Noblesville, Ind., who is house guest of Miss Sada Johnson of 940 South Hope street.

A pretty little wedding took place last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Koehler, 3631 Adair street, when their daughter, Katharine, became the bride of Herbert Strain, Rev. W. A. Knighton performed the ceremony and Miss Dolly Smith played the "Lohengrin" wedding march. The bride was becomingly gowned in white crepe de Paris, trimmed with chiffon and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations. Artistic decorations were arranged throughout the house.

Many relatives and friends from out of town witnessed the ceremony, among them Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Strain, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tierotti, the Misses Margaret, May and Lillie Strain of Fullerton; Mrs. R. J. Brannan of Bloomington, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strain of El Modena, Cal.

Mr. Strain is building a house on Adair street which will be ready for occupancy in about two months. In the meantime the couple will reside at the home of the bride's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Griffith of 2636 Severance street entertained a party of twenty-six at dinner last evening at the Glendale cafe. The affair, which was an informal one, was in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Soule of Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banning and Captain William Banning entertained with a picnic party at the old Banning homestead in Wilmington yesterday. The guests left town on the 9:05 train and were met at the depot by conveyances which carried them to the ranch. Luncheon was served in picnic style under the trees and special games and amusements were planned for the children. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Helm, Mrs. George A. Patton, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Scott Helm, Mrs. James Howard, Richard Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Banning, Miss

Lacy, Miss Isabella Lacy, Mrs. James Montgomery, Mrs. John Mertau, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock Banning, Capt. William Banning, Joseph Schoder, Mr. Bolt and N. W. Bell.

The younger members of the party were Misses Madeline King, Julia Murray, Elizabeth Helm, Selma Ingraham, Eleanor Banning, Ruth and Ellen Montgomery, Florence Lacy, Louise Wells and Masters Ramon Mertau, Joe, William, Hancock and George Banning, Jack Wells, Herbert Howard, Gault Ingraham, Russell Clark, Walter Van Dyke, Douglas Van Dyke, Lynn Helm, Jr., Harold Helm, Richard Lacy, Jr., Richard Ingraham and Alexander King.

Another of the George Washington affairs which was a pleasant success was the luncheon given by Miss E. Schumacher of 2816 Haldale avenue in honor of Mrs. James MacGoughlin, of Laconian, N. H., who is visiting in Los Angeles. The decorations were entirely of red, white and blue and a canopy worked in these colors was suspended over the table. Tiny little American flags were everywhere in evidence and an artistic floral centerpiece was made from them. The proverbial hatchet was used at each place together with red cocked hats for bonbons. The repast which was served carried out the plan of the decorations in every possible instance.

The Concordia club was the scene of a brilliant luncheon on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. I. Lewis and Miss Adela Lewis entertained. The two young women were assisted by the Misses Lelia, Erma and Rita Jacoby.

Sixty members of the Eschscholtzia chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution celebrated Washington's birthday with a trip to Riverside, where they were entertained by the Riverside chapter. A special train left Los Angeles yesterday morning bearing the women and arrived at Riverside about 11 o'clock. They were met at the depot by a committee from the Riverside chapter and the women's clubs and were taken for a drive over the valley. The party was entertained at luncheon at the Glenwood tavern and returned to Los Angeles late in the afternoon.

Mrs. M. Voorsanger of New York, Mrs. Hugo Brandis of Omaha and Miss Etta Jacoby were the guests of honor at a luncheon given by Mrs. Louise Kallisher of 820 South Hope street, at Levy's yesterday.

Patriotic Celebration

A patriotic social was given yesterday afternoon by the central W. C. T. U. under the direction of Mrs. Marian T. Boyd, who is superintendent of soldiers and sailors' work. The parlors of the Temperance temple had been decorated with flags and bunting appropriate to the occasion and a program of patriotic music and readings was given.

Mrs. Ruth Sanderson gave a reading, "The Rising of 1776," and there also were recitations by Miss Sanderson, Miss Ola Grant and Miss Mary Adams Leicester. Miss Stella Callender sang and Mrs. Boyd made an address.

Social Notes

Mrs. C. M. Lincoln of 876 East Fifteenth street entertained the Taka Embroidery club yesterday afternoon. The Columbia circle women of the G. A. R. will give a reception this evening in honor of the department president, Mrs. Martha Herrick.

Members of Los Angeles Hive No. 1 entertained officers and guards of the hive at the regular review last evening. A question box was an interesting feature of the evening's entertainment and a program consisting of music and reading was given.

Company F. Seventh regiment, N. G. C., gave a dancing party at Armory hall last night.

Woman's Clubs

The Tuesday Current Topics club had at its last meeting a list of subjects for discussion which covered a large field. Short biographical sketches of men of note whose lives have made their lasting impress on the world; wonderful discoveries in plant life; political conditions of the present time, were all brought up for discussion during the early part of the session. Following these a paper was presented by Mrs. Henry on the "California Indian." "California Pleasure Resorts" was the subject of a paper given by Mrs. Jones of Alamitos. Other papers were read as follows: "Landmarks of San Francisco," Miss Stanaga of that city; "Big Trees of California," Mrs. L. A. Glascock; "Historic Ranches," Mrs. L. A. Godin. Mrs. James furnished musical numbers.

Ruskin Art Club "Sculpture in Denmark and Italy" was the subject of an interesting lesson of the Ruskin Art club yesterday morning at the meeting in the club rooms in the Blanchard building. The lesson was in charge of Miss Victoria Witmer, who was assisted by Mrs. William Jeffries, who read a paper on "Thorwaldsen," dealing with his works and giving a biography of his life. A paper on classical revival was given by Miss Witmer and Mrs. Huber spoke of Canova, Mrs. Alexander Caldwell of Giovanni Dupre and Mrs. W. L. Hutchinson of Vincent Vela. Paintings of Denmark and Italy will be the theme at the next meeting and Mrs. I. L. Hibbard and Mrs. A. B. Newkirk will be in charge.

Wednesday Morning Club Shakespeare section of the Wednesday Morning club met yesterday and completed the study of "King Lear." The next play which will be taken up is "As You Like It." The program for the coming month was issued yesterday.

GOOD ONES

Had to Keep It Moving Thomas W. Lawson was talking about sharp practice. "Sharp practice is the rule," he said, "but is not the public in a way to blame? Why should the public be so willing to be deluded? What is the matter with the public anyway? Upon my word, I have seen men and women hug and nurse worthless stocks as Washington White nursed his watch.

"Washington White? Oh, he is a Boston colored man. "One day a friend met him on an underground train. The friend sat down beside him. Washington was rocking himself to and fro in a curious way—something like a man with the colic. "How do, Washington?" said the friend.

"How do, Calhoun?" said Washington and he still rocked to and fro. "The friend regarded him curiously. "You ain't sick, Washington, be you?" he asked.

"No indeed, Calhoun," was the reply. "Then why in the name o' common sense, mah friend, am you rockin' yo' self to and fro this away all the time?" "Washington White made no pause in his regular oscillations as he said: "Calhoun, you know Jerome McWade? Well, he done sold me a silver watch for free dollars, and if I stops a-movin like dishyere, de watch don't go no mo'."—Minneapolis Journal.

Misremembered "Here," said Mr. Newkirk, as he entered the book store, "you're the young chap that waited on me the other day, ain't you?" "Yes, I sold you the works of Rabelais, I think."

"Well, you can just send around to my house and get 'em back. I wouldn't have such books in my library. You told me it was an expurgated edition, but it ain't anything but the cheapest kind of cloth."—Chicago Record-Herald.

All in the Wording "We've been trying for the last two weeks to get a girl," said the passenger, with the ear muffs. "We advertised for one, but it didn't do any good. We got only three or four answers to the advertisement and none of them was satisfactory."

"I guess you didn't word your ad right," said the passenger with the scarlet muffler. "I advertised for a girl a few weeks ago and got sixty-seven replies."

"How did you word yours?" "Wanted—To open a correspondence with a good, amiable, healthy young woman, with a view to matrimony. Address "Middle Aged Widower, P. O. Box So-and-So."—Chicago Tribune.

Caller—What a beautiful baby! And what is its name? Young Mother—Bridget Sullivan De Vere.

Caller—Mercy sakes! How did you happen to give it a name like that? Young Mother—Why, the cook threatened to leave when baby came and we got her to stay by naming the baby after her.—Brooklyn Life.

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"If she told you her age, surely you know when she was born." "Well, judging from what she told me her age was I should say she was born on her tenth or fifteenth birthday."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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A True One This is a true incident that took place in the Quaker city of Richmond, Ind. A good old Quaker lady, noted for her zeal in all things and especially for her aggressive and continuous fight against the use of tobacco in any form, entered a grocery kept by the son of one of her old-time associates and said, sternly: "John, does thee sell tobacco?" "Sure," replied John, promptly and earnestly. "I have plug, fine cut, smoking—what kind does thee use, Aunt Rachel?"—Baltimore American.

Considerate

Hortense—I t'ink I'll give him some of me ice cream. Horatio—Don't do it. Might give him cold.

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SMILES

Mr. Rebell—I am much displeased with you, Miss Talky. Yesterday I asked you if I could confide a secret to you and you said "Certainly." Today I find you have told it everywhere. Miss Talky—I know you said "confide," but you said it as if you meant "confess."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

He—Miss Upperton appears to be shy of common courtesy. She—Yes, but aren't her society manners just too lovely for anything.—Chicago News.

At last the telephone girl condescended to answer. "What's that, sir!" she exclaimed. "Are you swearing?" "Not audibly, miss," said the man at the other end of the wire. "But I confess that as a long-distance mind reader you are an expert."—Chicago Tribune.

Ida—Yes, I am going to marry a photographer. He has such an unrefined disposition. May—Why should you think so? Ida—I have seen him take the picture of a baby without even losing his temper.—Chicago News.

You've conquered and I own defeat, I kneel before you at your feet; You've conquered with—I own with sighs— The flu-jitsu of your eyes. —Chicago Chronicle.

"John, why didn't you go to 'Parsifal' last night?" "Why, my dear, I was—er—detained by a very important game of po—er, that is, business, you know."

"Well, you don't know what you got lost." "Oh, don't I?"—Cleveland Leader.

"Yes," said Between Acts to his wife. "I like a spice of danger." "Well, the next time you take me to the theater and go out between the acts you will learn that the clove is a spice of danger."—Houston Post.

Stranger (in Washington)—I think I'd like to go and look at the senate in session. Native—You can go up in the senate gallery, but you can't see the senate. He's out of town. Stranger—He? Who? Native—Mr. Aldrich.—Chicago Tribune.

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Fancy Waist With Shirred Belt 4965

Full waists made with waistcoat effects are among the favorites of the incoming season and always allow of effective combinations. This one is more than commonly attractive, and is made of chiffon veiling, the collar and belt being of chiffon taffeta, and the chemise and cuffs of lace, but all the materials that shirr satisfactorily are equally appropriate. The sleeves make special features and are shirred to form two puffs, the shirring being so arranged as to reduce the apparent width of the figure. The belt also is worthy of note and is arranged over the waist, closing with it at the front. The waist consists of the fitted lining, which is closed at the center front, fronts, back, collar and chemise with the belt. Both the fronts and the belt are arranged in tuck shirrings at the front edges and are closed invisibly, and the waist is shirred at the shoulders and gathered at the waist line, the opening being finished with the shaped collar, which, in the case of the model, is embroidered. The sleeves are mounted upon foundations that are faced to form cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 1/2 yards 21, 3 3/4 yards 27 or 2 yards 44 inches wide, with 1 3/4 yards of silk for collar and belt, and 1 1/2 yards of all-over lace for chemise and cuffs.

The pattern 4965 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40-inch bust measure.

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Johnny—Faw, what's the rest of that quotation beginning "Truth is mighty?" Father—"Scarce," I reckon.—Pittsburg Post.



The Reason

Daughter—You look tired. Father—Yes; I ran after a car so far that when I stopped I found that I had run five squares past my house.