

TWO NEW BANKS AT OCEAN PARK

LARGE AMOUNT OF CAPITAL BACK OF ENTERPRISES

E. J. Vawter Is Head of the First National, Which Opened for Business at the Beach Town Yesterday

Special to The Herald. OCEAN PARK, April 5.—Within a week two new banking institutions have been launched at Ocean Park, each backed by large capital and some of the most prominent citizens in the beach town. The First National Bank of Ocean Park made its debut on Wednesday and was followed a day later by the Commercial State bank. Both institutions will erect costly buildings for the transaction of their business.

E. J. Vawter, president of the Ocean Park Floral company, which concerns owns the largest carnation farm in the world, is at the head of the first named institution. Mr. Vawter will have associated with him A. R. Fraser, president of the Ocean Park Improvement company; W. D. Longyear, at present with the Security Savings bank of Los Angeles; E. J. Vawter, Jr., cashier of the United States Savings bank of Los Angeles, and J. W. Lincoln.

The officers of the Commercial State bank are: L. A. Pratt, president; Warren Gillen, vice president; W. A. Forrester, treasurer. The board of directors includes W. A. Innes, president of the Innes Shoe company; Warren Gillen, president Broadway Bank and Trust company; F. L. Forrester and L. A. Pratt.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Constable Smiles
Constable "Jack" Adams, who is connected with Justice Young's court, is wearing a smile nowadays which refuses to come off. A pretty baby girl has arrived at the officer's home and he is now busily engaged in receiving the congratulations of his friends.

Committed to Asylum
Mrs. Pauline Schultz thought that some renegade Indian had designed to wipe her family out of existence, as the result of which notion she was examined yesterday before Judge Wilbur in the superior court on the charge of insanity. Judge Wilbur committed her to an asylum.

Soldier Insane
Martin S. Jones, an old soldier from the north, was injured about the head while en route to the Soldiers' home, and yesterday he was examined before Judge Wilbur in the superior court on the charge of insanity. An effort will be made to provide a home for him at the soldiers' barracks.

Sues for Damages
Suit for \$12,000 was filed in the superior court yesterday by John W. Craig against the Oceanic Oil company for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of the defendant's refusal to transfer to the plaintiff a large amount of stock, alleged to have been purchased by the plaintiff from a man named Jos. S. Bergman.

Sentence Reduced
William Morrow is positive now that he was not particularly fascinated with the "blue laws" which he says are in force out at Downey, and on the strength of the plea which he made yesterday before Judge Smith in the superior court the sentence imposed upon him by a justice of the peace at Downey was somewhat relieved of its harsh effect. Morrow was arrested on the charge of disturbing the peace. The justice of the peace at Downey urged Morrow to spend sixty days in the county jail, and when the prisoner referred to the court in terms which were not in the least complimentary the justice, in order to show him that his heart was in the right place, gave Morrow an additional thirty. Morrow appealed to the superior court for a new trial on the ground of certain irregularities existing in the record of the lower court. The prisoner had his second trial yesterday before Judge Smith in the superior court and a conviction resulted, but the court was satisfied to let him off with a fine of \$15 or seven days in the county jail.

Stringent Methods
Here is a new Mark Twain anecdote which, among thousands of its kind, has a peculiar ring of genuineness. Some years ago Mark Twain's home in Hartford was invaded with scarlet fever. The disease raged for some weeks, when heroic measures were taken to disinfect the house. "We had a fumigator so strong," said Mark Twain, "that it took all the brass off the doorknobs and all the tune out of the piano."

The largest stone ever quarried came from a granite ledge in Maine to serve as one of the columns to support the dome of the cathedral of St. John the Divine. The stone was 64 feet in length, 8 1/2 feet thick and 7 feet wide, its weight being 310 tons.

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PRESIDENT OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT OCEAN PARK



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WOULD TAX ALL CHURCH PROPERTY

MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO INVOKE THE INITIATIVE

Report That Petitions Will Be Circulated Soon by Those Opposing the "No-Saloon" Campaign

To force the churches to pay taxes on all church property is the object of a movement which has been quietly worked up in Los Angeles and which is backed by the Free Thought league and several other clubs and organizations of like character. The initiative is to be invoked as the weapon by which this legislation is to be effected, and the entire movement is intended as an answer to the initiative movement against the saloons, which is receiving the backing of practically all the churches in this city. It is said petitions will soon be out. The fight against the saloons has called forth much unfavorable discussion and criticism from such clubs and organizations as the one mentioned, the Liberal club, the Progressive club and others, and in these discussions the movement against the saloons has been designated as class legislation, as it would not keep the rich man from drinking all he pleased, but would prevent the poor man from obtaining liquor.

Would Like Revenge
This has been declared unfair by the free thinkers, and as a result attacks have been made upon the church and its principles, and many arguments advanced on the theory that the church is attempting to dictate to the citizens of Los Angeles and take away their constitutional rights.

"The saloons are taxed and licensed, and why should not the churches be taxed and licensed? I see no reason why not," declared a well known free thinker yesterday. "There are many temples established in Los Angeles where worship of various kinds is carried on, and why a temple erected to Bacchus or any other mythological god might not be erected and maintained under the same laws I do not see. Why tax saloons and other businesses and callings and not the churches? To my mind there is no logical reason."

City Attorney's Views
When asked regarding the legality of such a proceeding yesterday, City Attorney Mathews said: "Some time ago the constitution of the state of California was amended so as to exempt churches and church property from taxation, except where churches are located in theater buildings, or buildings used for other purposes and producing a revenue to the owners.

"An ordinance of the kind proposed would be invalid in my opinion and would be immediately declared unconstitutional by the courts. As long as the money collected by the church is used for church purposes, whether it be raised by entertainments to which an admission is charged, collections in the church, or by popular subscription, the church property is not taxable. Should a church go into business and raise money and use it for other than church purposes, then its property is subject to taxation.

"So far as I know all the churches in Los Angeles which have means of producing a revenue, and this revenue is used for other than church purposes, pay their taxes and licenses regularly."

There are several bills now under consideration in the Texas legislature to provide for the destruction of prairie dogs. These animals destroy millions of dollars' worth of the grass and forage upon which the cattle industry of the state depends for its prosperity.

TEMPERANCE WORK AMONG YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOLS FIELDS FOR LABOR

Mrs. Stella B. Irvine Urges Teachers to Save Their Pupils From the Evils of Intemperance

"Organize your Sunday school into a temperance army. "Save the boys and girls while there is yet time." Such was the advice of Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, one of the speakers of the Sunday school conference at Immanuel church yesterday. Mrs. Irvine is head of the temperance department which has been created recently and her address was a strong plea to teachers to implant the temperance doctrine in the minds of the pupils.

"It takes one out of every five boys to keep a saloon going and the question is, 'will it be your boy?' It is our duty to build around our boys and girls a wall as high as heaven against this evil," said she. "Let every teacher observe the lessons for the special Sunday set apart for temperance. Take the temperance lesson and go on your knees before God and study it. Go to the very bottom and you will get something out of it. Organize a temperance department and give the children the pledge. Don't be afraid of the pledge but sign it with them.

"Go home and organize your school into a temperance army."

The afternoon session was opened with music by R. N. Jeffery and a Bible message was given by Rev. W. D. Landis. Mrs. Irvine's talk followed. David P. Ward spoke on "The Supreme Problem of Today." Mr. Ward dwelt on the necessity of securing children for the Sunday school and then giving them what they need to keep them there.

"Three-fourths of the boys and girls of our country are lost during their teens, and we must keep them," said he. "We must have teachers who are alive."

The Baraca movement was explained by W. G. Renwick of Pomona college the secretary of the ninth district Baraca union in America. Marlon Lawrance who was to have given an address on "The Teaching Teacher" undertook to raise \$600 to aid in paying the expenses of a state Sunday school secretary for the coming year, and this occupied so much of his time that the address was postponed until the evening session.

A sunrise prayer meeting at 6 o'clock opened the work of the day and at 9:30 R. N. Jeffery spoke on the power of song. At 9:45 o'clock there was Bible meditation by Rev. George S. Clark and at 10 o'clock reports of committees were given, including reports from the heads of departments, treasurer, general secretary, recording secretary and executive committees. The Sunday school institution was the subject of an address by Rev. R. P. Shepherd and Marlon Lawrance conducted a "round table."

R. N. Jeffery opened the evening session with music and Rev. W. H. Rider gave the Bible meditation and offered prayer. Mrs. M. G. Kennedy who is the primary expert of Philadelphia, Pa., gave an address on "The Child in Christ," and "The Teaching Teacher," the subject which was to have been treated by Marlon Lawrance in the afternoon, was discussed at the evening session.

There was a man whose name was Paul, Who found a first-class dining haul And cried: "Bring me some beef and see It's garlished well with Parsifal!" —Chicago Chronicle.

URGES NEED OF ROAD TO MINES

M. METZLER SAYS BUSINESS MEN SHOULD ACT

Suggests Popular Movement for the Construction of a Direct Line to Goldfield, Nevada

"Los Angeles capitalists and business men ought to build a railroad into the Goldfield mining district," said M. Metzler, formerly of Denver, yesterday in discussing the Nevada field.

"If Los Angeles is to profit by the opening up of the new territory in the rich mining section," continued Mr. Metzler, "a branch line should be constructed from some point on the line of the Salt Lake road nearer Los Angeles than Las Vegas, a town that is out of the way so far as convenient business connection with Los Angeles is concerned. That place, as you will see on the map, is in the direction of Salt Lake. Los Angeles' interests demand a branch line that will run in the direction of our city, not toward the east and Salt Lake.

"In my judgment the branch line should start from Soda Lake or Ivanpah, not from Las Vegas.

Should Build Line

"Uncle Billy Workman, I see, suggests that a mass meeting of Los Angeles citizens ought to be held to take immediate steps toward aiding any company or syndicate in building a branch line that will result in benefit to the business interests of our community. I think the people ought to get together at once and take action.

"I am in favor of the people of Los Angeles forming a stock company for the purpose of building a road to start from Soda Lake or Ivanpah. It is time the people of Los Angeles gave more serious attention to such important enterprises as the building of railroads into new territory. Instead of depending so much upon the tourists who visit the coast winter and summer. The tourists we have with us always. Nevada is rich in minerals and the country is to be thoroughly developed and tons of rich ore will be taken out of the earth and converted into money. The ore will have to be conveyed to smelters and smelters are likely to be maintained at Los Angeles, and from this city great quantities of supplies will be purchased for the people who will swarm to the mining camps and towns that will spring into existence with wonderful rapidity.

Method in Colorado

"I have been through it all and know what I am talking about. I lived in Colorado for many years at a time when new mining camps were established and there were persistent demands for new railroads to handle the ore and take supplies to the camps. The business men and bankers of Denver, by their own enterprise and nerve, formed stock companies and built the Colorado Southern, the Denver & Rio Grande and the South Park railroads. Millions of money was required, but no great amount of ready cash was demanded from the stockholders, as bonds were issued and sold. After the enterprises were started capitalists got together and bought up the lines, and

those who subscribed received three to four dollars for every dollar paid in. Members of my family subscribed \$16,000, and four dollars for one was the result of the investment. All of the roads built in Colorado in this way are among the best paying lines of the state.

"The same method can be followed by Los Angeles people with certain satisfactory results. Railroads are what make the country prosperous and our business men ought to hurry the building of a line into the Goldfield district by organizing and leading in the movement."

Difference of Temperature

Repertee is not confined to club smoking rooms, nor the drawing rooms of the smart set, nor the dining rooms of the bohemian set, according to Stewart Brice. A longshoreman, he says, who was sadly given over to drink, went home the other night only to find a vigorous rebuke for his condition.

"There you are again," said the wife, 'spendin' all your money in the saloons and sittin' round drinkin' hot rum like a millionaire, and me starvin' at home here wid narithn' but cold water to drink."

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