

WILL REORGANIZE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF LIPS REFERS PLANS TO COMMISSIONERS

COUNCIL MAY ACT MONDAY

Request for Two New Battalion Chiefs, Three New Engines, Six Combination Carts and Additional Hose

Two new battalion chiefs, three new fire engines, six combination chemical engines and hose carts and 20,000 feet of fire hose was the modest request made to the fire commission yesterday morning by Chief of the Fire Department Lips.

The chief hopes to effect the complete reorganization of the fire department, and, as he has the united backing of the mayor and the commission, it is believed he will be successful.

It is but two weeks since at his request, the council passed an ordinance creating the positions of seventeen lieutenants in the department, thus making it possible to have a commissioned officer in charge of all fire houses at all times. In this way it was hoped the discipline of the department would be materially improved.

Aside from this, Chief Lips finds that owing to the fact that the city spreads over so much ground, the department cannot answer all alarms. In the outlying residence districts many costly homes have been built, and he feels that better arrangements should be made for their protection.

Plans of the Chief

His plan is to have the position of battalion chief created and two such officers appointed to have charge under the chief and assistant chief of certain districts, to make the rounds of inspection of all of the engine houses in their districts each day and to receive the reports of the captains and make a district report to him.

The plan contemplates stationing one of the sub-chiefs in the fine new engine house under construction at the present time in the Eighth ward, and the other in the southwestern portion of the city. It is the desire of the chief to make the department as modern and efficient as possible.

Two of the three size fire engines are needed for the two houses now building, for which the city has as yet no apparatus. The third is to be used as a relief engine, should one of the regular engines meet with an accident and have to be taken to the shop for repairs.

Of the six combination chemical engines and hose carts desired, two are for the equipment of these new companies and the others are necessary to replace broken-down and worn-out apparatus now in use by the department.

Favor Recommendations

The 20,000 feet of fire hose almost took the breath of the commission away, but when they heard the chief's explanation they decided to ask the council to buy it. It is claimed by the chief that if two hoses are furnished to each company, much quicker and better service can be had.

The commission decided that the recommendations of the chief are correct, and voted to ask the council to purchase what he desires under specifications drawn by him, and to create the positions of two battalion chiefs.

Acting also on the recommendation of Chief Lips, the commission addressed a communication to the board of water commissioners, drawing attention to the scarcity of fire hydrants in the city, and a committee was appointed to confer with the water commissioners, and, if possible, secure the setting of a number of new hydrants.

FLOWER SHOW SCORES A DISTINCT SUCCESS

Exhibition of Foreign Plants Grown Here Attracts Many Visitors

The flower show came to an end last night, after scoring a distinct success in arousing an interest in the citizens of Los Angeles in the growing of flowers along scientific lines, this being the primary object inducing the exhibition of flowers and tropical plants grown here with success.

The show was under the direction of P. D. Barnhart, and the Masonic temple, where the show was held, was filled during the open hours with throngs of persons interested in the study of botany and floriculture.

Many rare specimens of tropical plants and flowers grown in Los Angeles were on exhibition. They were exhibited for the purpose of demonstrating that this climate is favorable to the growth of plants which have been considered capable of growth only in their native countries. That they have been successfully grown here and thrive with equal beauty and hardiness as in their native climes is considered sufficient argument for the more general attention to these plants.

Mr. Barnhart and his assistants carefully explained to all the visitors the names, nativity and characteristics of all the plants on exhibition and presented arguments showing that the climate of Southern California is as favorable as any in the world to the growing of tropical plants.

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RECOMMENDS MANY CHANGES IN SYSTEM OF DISCIPLINE



FIRE CHIEF LIPS

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE JUNE THIRTIETH

BOARD OF EDUCATION FIXES DATE OF HOLIDAY

FLINT WILL REVIEW CLASSES

Report of Superintendent Shows Remarkable Amount of Trees and Foliage Planted Last Arbor Day

The present school year will close June 30 and school will open again after the vacation season on September 25. These dates were determined upon at the meeting of the board of education yesterday.

The report of the superintendent showed that on Arbor day there were planted in the grounds of the city schools 203 trees of various varieties, ranging from the stately live oak, redwood and sycamore down to stately ornamental shrubs. In addition to these 175 rose bushes, 1528 geraniums, 68 lilies, many plants of lilies, carnations, verbenas, marigolds, sweet peas, pansies, poppies, polsnetias, marguerites, violets, heliotrope and many vegetables were planted.

The board decided to invite Senator Frank P. Flint to address the graduating class of the high school and Judge William A. Cheney to address the graduating class of the Polytechnic high school. The commencement exercises of the high school will probably be held in the Mason opera house, while the Polytechnic high will use Simpson auditorium.

Thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents was appropriated for the care of the ten swarms of bees now belonging to the several city schools and used in the nature study department.

A portion of the drawing exhibit of the city schools which is to be sent to the Portland exposition now adorns the walls of the committee rooms of the board of education.

The work shown is remarkable, showing the development from the first grade until the pupil enters the high schools. The work is decorative and many of the designs are original with the children. Others are drawn from nature and still other portions of the work are design work.

The Los Angeles school intends to keep up the record set at the last two or three world's fairs, where the schools of California received the highest medal for general excellence.

As soon as H. E. Huntington arrives in Los Angeles the board intends to take the question of special rates for the transportation of night school scholars up with him. He will also be asked to pass the detention officer and the children who may be in his care.

CHURCH NEWS
The Fellowship
The Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills has been a very sick man for nearly two weeks, being taken with an attack of appendicitis at Simpson auditorium a week ago Sunday night. While yet far from strong, he is entirely recovered and will preach Sunday morning at Belasco theater, his theme being "A New Interpretation of Jesus."

Sunday evening at Simpson auditorium Mrs. Mary Russell Mills, associate minister of the Los Angeles Fellowship, will speak on "The Story of Jean Valjean." The auditorium at the last meeting was not anywhere near able to contain the audience, several hundred being turned away.

A delightful musical program will be presented at both morning and evening services. The other meetings of the Fellowship will be held as usual, including Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock, at Masonic hall; class on the "Art of Living," by Mrs. Mills, at Emerson hall at 9:45; the academy in the office of the Fellowship at the same hour and children's church at 11 o'clock at Emerson hall.

Undelivered Telegrams

There are undelivered telegrams at the office of the Western Union Telegraph company for Mrs. B. Goodwin, Gertrude W. Davis, A. H. Beach, G. H. Nettleton, Miss Vera Adams, H. S. Hughes, W. S. Ward, S. W. Towne, H. P. Callaghan, W. B. Freeman, Tom Guinness, N. H. Maloney, Miss H. E. Johnson, H. Faget, R. D. Friselle, Manuel Rivas Melis, Jay Davidson, Edw. C. Reed, Mrs. Sam Douglas.

SOUTHERN BANKERS AT FESTAL BOARD

Financiers Meet at Angelus and Discuss Matters of Importance—An Interesting Talk

Two officers from each of twenty-one banks of Southern California met at the Angelus hotel last night to participate in the first of a series of annual banquets to be given in Los Angeles.

William Mead, president of the Central bank of Los Angeles, who acted as host and toastmaster, opened the evening with an interesting address, using for his subject, "The Relations Between the City and the Country Banker."

Other speakers of the evening addressed the assembled bankers as follows:

Hon. F. W. Ewing, "Bankers and Banquets;" Henry Newby, "An Unoccupied Business Field;" James McMullan, "Last but Not Least;" Col. Fred Jewel of San Diego, "The Country Banker;" William D. Stephens of San Diego, "San Diego from Los Angeles Standpoint."

The list of those present follows: L. J. Beynon, L. W. Blinn, Robert N. Bulla, Frank Burns, Edgar W. Carne, John Carne, A. B. Cass, E. W. Davies, J. J. Davis, George F. Doty, P. J. Dudley, Walter C. Durgin, Hon. F. W. Ewing, U. S. Grant, Jr., J. B. Gist, Herbert C. Holt, G. W. Hoover, W. H. Hubbard, Fred Jewell, James C. Kays, George A. Lane, J. Eugene Law, James MacMullen, Frank McCutchen, William Mead, Oscar C. Mueller, Henry Newby, Niles Pease, S. A. Reed, William D. Stephens, Charles M. Stone, Wilson G. Tanner, W. S. Vawter, Charles M. Walker, T. J. Walker, Perry W. Weidner, J. E. Wheat, John Wilde and L. J. Wilde.

Asleep in Sections

"It is an interesting though not generally known fact, young gentlemen," said a lecturer in a New York city college to his class, "that when you go to sleep you do not do so all at once. The different senses and organs sink to sleep in succession. The first to fall asleep is the sense of sight; second, taste; third, smell; fourth, hearing; and fifth and last, the sense of touch. The powers of the mind may in the meantime be most active or deranged, according to circumstances, but they are never altogether coherent."

"That accounts, then," interposed a student, "for the assertion that the police on the west side are asleep all the time—they have enough senses left awake to keep them going."

"As I said," replied the professor, "the sense of touch is the last to fall asleep."

INSANITY CAUSED BY HINDOO DRUG

RESULT OF USE OF HASHEESH IS INEVITABLE

MANY VICTIMS IN LOS ANGELES

Some Spiritualists Claim Magic Powers Are Produced by It, Enabling Them to Materialize Subjects More Easily

The inevitable result of the use of hasheesh, a powerful Oriental drug, is insanity, according to the opinion of those members of the medical fraternity who have devoted much study to the symptoms and effects caused by it.

A number of prominent physicians in Los Angeles have been interviewed by a representative of The Herald during the last week, with a view to ascertaining just what were the symptoms and effects produced upon the victims of the East Indian weed and what relation it bore to the increased number of cases of insanity in and around the city.

The result of these interviews forces the conclusion that a large number of cases of insanity in the city are directly attributable to the use of hasheesh and that the craze, if such it may be termed, has its origin in a most remarkable manner.

The drug, of which little is known in America, is distinctly Hindoo and is imported from India. It was introduced into this country through a demand of ignorant mediums and spiritualists for a stimulus upon their occult powers, it being claimed for the drug that it would assist the medium in materializing the spirits with which they wished to communicate.

Effect of the Drug

Through these mediums the drug became known to their followers and by degrees was taken up and used by them. The effect of the drug is to enslave the user just as certainly as does opium, morphine or cocaine. Once so enslaved, the victim is on the sure road to the madhouse.

A few days ago a Herald representative, in the course of a conversation with Dr. A. Mazzini, the Hindoo swami, who occupies a suite of rooms at the Grand Pacific hotel, the question of a cause for the remarkable increase in insanity in Los Angeles of late was broached. The doctor unhesitatingly suggested that it was his opinion that there were many users of hasheesh in Los Angeles and probably this fact might solve the problem.

"I am acquainted with the symptoms and effect of the use of the drug, having devoted much time and attention to its study while in India, where I spent several years," said he. "There it is commonly used. It acts on no two persons alike. But its use becomes a habit and there is but one result—insanity. I have had opportunities since coming to Los Angeles to study its effect upon local users. On several occasions I have met an attorney well known in the city, also a young woman whose name is equally as easily recognizable, and have noted the effects of the use of hasheesh by them. When the drug begins to take effect the pupils of the eye become abnor-

mally dilated and this effect can be noted without particular effort. The drug is occasionally used by ignorant mediums to advance their occult powers and help them to materialize their subjects, but the real effect is on the order of a case of delirium tremens."

Has Growing Demand

Another physician stated that he is aware of the growing demand for the drug, but has made no particular investigation as to its effect upon the user. He is, however, acquainted with the properties possessed by it and agrees that the excessive use of it will inevitably result in insanity. The same testimony was given by several other physicians who were called upon for an opinion.

The drug is used extensively by Oriental healers for various ailments and purposes for which they claim its magic properties influence relief, and it is asserted that when used as a medicine exclusively and on prescription it has excellent qualities, the ill effects arising from its abuse in excessive use rather than otherwise.

It is claimed that the effect of its use is not unlike cocaine and opium in that it will produce visions of countless wealth and all sorts of beautiful objects fair to gaze upon. It also produces a wonderful effect upon the facial muscles, causing them to contract and pinch the face into horrible contortions. When under its influence the victim's eyes stand out upon their cheeks until the victim resembles what he or she will eventually become, a raving maniac.

Some spiritualists claim for it a power to materialize their subjects and place them under complete subjection. By its use they claim ability to force the spirits of the dead to stalk forth and hold converse with their living loved ones. But the ultimate result of excessive use of the drug is insanity, which, in numerous cases, becomes most violent in form and is often the cause of the victim taking his own life or that of imaginary foes without any provocation.

"No-Saloon" Notes

In accordance with the action taken at the ministers' meeting Thursday afternoon no-saloon meetings will be held in almost every church of the city this evening. A large number of laymen will speak at these meetings. Among the number, M. E. Jones and Z. C. Angevine, at the Second U. P. church, corner of Washington and Santee streets; Dr. Willett, at Bethesda Presbyterian church, corner Ninth and Central avenue; A. J. Wallace, at Asbury Methodist Episcopal church; Giles Kellogg and Boaz Duncan, at the Third Presbyterian church; Dr. Bowers, at the Cumberland Presbyterian church; Nathan Newby, at the Knox Presbyterian church.

Rev. C. J. Hall of Gardena will speak at the Orchard Baptist church this morning and at some other church this evening.

At the Bethany Presbyterian church the Dobbins trio, with pictures and songs, will depict the ravages of the liquor traffic.

In the Ninth ward a union meeting of several churches will be held at the Boyle Heights Methodist Episcopal church. A number of business men will make short talks and the Meneley quartet will render a number of songs. Chester L. Ricketts, a member of this quartet and an impersonator of note, will give one or more readings.

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