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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.

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The fish story season has opened promisingly at Catalina island. Records soon will be fractured and a report may be expected any day of the sea serpent's appearance in the offing.

After all, there is not so great a difference between the royal and the plebeian level. That downstairs tumble of the empress of Germany shows that the trip-up is no respecter of persons.

Evidently Grover Cleveland has not forgotten the long bachelorhood that preceded his marriage. It probably was in a moment of absentmindedness that he declined to receive that invoice of over one hundred Philadelphia school teachers.

That Cleveland building inspector must be an ungallant person to taboo mirrors in elevators because women are inclined to admire their images therein. How Cleveland women must wish the inspector was over 60 years old and that Dr. Osler's idea had materialized.

Tacoma reports the latest freakiness in the bicycle line. A genius has invented an auto adapted to travel on the ice, for service in Alaska. The auto already is "boss of the road" and has been geared for the water. After it is made to work on the ice its flying capacity may be developed.

Thursday of next week the Portland exposition will open. Vice President Fairbanks is now en route thither to represent President Roosevelt in the opening ceremonies. The occasion will be the first great exposition in the far west and Californians particularly should feel an especial interest in it.

It is a very good scheme that the local street car officials have worked out for preventing women from alighting from cars "back foremost." They propose to "make the rail on the seat the only one within reach, which can, of course, be grasped only with the left hand." Two to one the scheme won't work, either.

The shops of the Union Pacific company at Omaha are building motor cars rapidly, with the purpose of introducing them "where there is any competition with trolley cars." Several of the leading railway companies are expected to follow this example in order to defend local business against the inroads of the trolley system.

The Express threatens to keep right on everlastingly agitating the no-saloon project in case of its defeat in the election next week. "Let us have the advertisements of the liquor men and the subscriptions of the no-saloonists and we care not how the liquor business pans out." That is the Express' adaptation of "Let me write the songs," etc.

Secretary Shaw of the treasury department in the course of a brief call at St. Louis said, "We are not worried about the deficit," meaning the little present shortage of $35,000,000. No, the election is far in the past and there is no longer cause for assuring the people that the Republican policy would create no deficiency in the treasury.

The interesting fact is made public that Los Angeles pays annually a sum for fire insurance on its school buildings equal to the average cost of two such structures. This disclosure, along with the statement that only one school building in the city has been burned within fourteen years, has led to a discussion of the policy of stopping the insurance on such buildings entirely. It does look like a case of "paying too dear for the whistle." And yet, if the insurance should be stopped, followed soon by the destruction of a big school house by fire, there probably would be censure of the officials. How would it do to take an intermediate course by reducing the insurance amounts one-half and thus save half the premium cost?

A PUBLIC OWNERSHIP EXAMPLE

In order to correctly understand the outrage perpetrated upon the people of Philadelphia by the gas trust, some facts should be stated concerning the relationship of the trust to the city.

In the first place it is the city, not the trust, that owns the gas plant. Philadelphia is one of the few larger cities of the United States in which the plan of municipal ownership has been extended to the lighting service. The current news gives an idea of the way the public ownership of gas is working in the Quaker city.

Philadelphia provided its gas service system and finally leased it all for the equivalent of 10 per cent of the leasing company's gross receipts. That company was composed of typical Philadelphia politicians, and the city was outragiously swindled when the lease was made. In order to "cinch" control of the gas business for a long period, the powerful clique connected with the gas company concocted a scheme whereby the city should make a new lease to the company for seventy-five years. That scheme was consummated last week, although Philadelphia is stirred as it rarely was stirred before, in an effort to upset the lease.

It is not an alluring picture of municipal ownership that is thus presented in Philadelphia. The city owns its gas plant, but is powerless to operate it because of the mutual interests of the politicians constituting the city council and managers of the gas company. The gas business in Philadelphia evidently is the equivalent of a gold mine, as is the case in all other large American cities. The money that it draws from the people goes to the enrichment of the politicians and the gas monopolists. Public property, through the form of a lease, is employed to fleece the people who own it and to stuff the pockets of the worst gang of official rascals in the United States.

LOS ANGELES SUBSTANTIAL

The value of building improvements in Los Angeles for the current month is likely to exceed $2,000,000. If that figure be reached, it will indicate high water mark in the city's building experience.

At the close of last week the permits issued thus far in the month represented structures to cost $1,452,531. There is no cause to doubt that the month's record of permits will be maintained and that the total figure will reach the round $2,000,000.

What does this phenomenal building record signify? At first thought there is a suggestion of the gone but not forgotten boom of nearly twenty years ago. But that boom was purely a wild land speculation. It was based on lots, not on buildings for homes and business purposes. The boom had a quicksand foundation and a balloon superstructure. It was not even as substantial as the house mentioned in scripture, which the foolish man built upon the sand, "And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Los Angeles, on the contrary, is building like unto the wise man, who founded his house properly, and when the storm test came "it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock."

The foundation of the marvelous building enterprise that has distinguished Los Angeles in recent years is the demand for homes and the requirements of business expansion. The peculiar attractions of this favored corner of the United States is drawing thousands of eastern people hither every year—each year bringing many more than the preceding one. All these people must have homes, and they have the money wherewith to buy lots and erect dwellings. This rapid increase of population demands corresponding increase in business, and hence the constant addition to the number of buildings for business purposes.

Another notable fact in this connection, which is noticed by all observant sojourners in Los Angeles, is the comparatively moderate prices of both residence and business property in this city, improved and unimproved. Instead of noticing anything like inflation of values the stranger sees that prices are relatively lower in Los Angeles than they are in any other large and progressive eastern city. In no other American city is the foundation of property more solid, more rock-like than it is in Los Angeles. Nor is there any other city which gives such great assurance of continued growth of the present substantial character. This because of the fact that Los Angeles seems to be immune from any stunting effects upon its growth resulting from the waves of "hard times" that occasionally sweep over the United States.

Homeseekers will continue to come hither because of the natural attractions of this section, regardless of conditions that affect other sections of the country injuriously. They will require more and more homes, and the growth of population will necessitate more and more business structures.

Even a $2,000,000 building record for May might be dwarfed before the end of the year.

The city council again acted wisely and well in passing, over the mayor's veto, the ordinance providing for the lighting of Hill street, just as it passed, over the mayor's veto, the ordinance providing for the lighting of Broadway. The mayor seems to have taken a somewhat narrow view of Los Angeles enterprise and developing energy.

Beginnig June 8 The Herald will be, for at least one year, the official newspaper representative of the city. It has for more than thirty-two years been the foremost unofficial newspaper representative of this city and of Southern California.

ABROGATING THE AGE LIMIT

There is evidence to support the belief that now, just as we are digesting the dicta of Dr. Osler that men are done at 40 and due for death at 60, actual life experience is knocking his theories into the proverbial cocked hat.

And as experience is a much wiser teacher even than the very learned Dr. Osler, it may be accepted as a fact that his opinions are rather discredited by the actualities just at present.

In other words, the policy adopted so extensively two or three years ago by railroads and large corporations of employing only young men has failed to produce the desired outcome. It has worked out wrong. Tests have proven that while perhaps the youngster of 25 is more active physically than the man of 40, yet he lacks balance and experience. In emergencies his "head" is not so level; his decisions are theoretical rather than based on practical knowledge; his actions are speedy but not conserved by due care and regard for consequences.

And as a result the very leaders in the crusade for the half-baked youngster and his trundle-bed responsibility are now perforce the strongest advocates of the full-fledged man's worth and indispensability.

The disastrous effect of too much youth has been especially noticeable in the operative departments of the big railroads, and to them has been brought home by costly wrecks and the loss of many lives the fact that in a crisis the trained man of 40 to 50, familiar by long years with the practical side of his work, is of vastly more use than the stripling of 25, no matter how "brilliant" the latter may be.

And they are acting promptly on this reversal of their late policy. They are seeking the very men they recently excluded from employment. The Chicago & Alton road, one of the first to fix a 35-year cast iron age limit, will put at least one-half its operative force under a no-age-limit rule. The Boston & Maine will abrogate the age limit entirely. The Milwaukee will suit its convenience as to its men's years, and will hire employes for what they can do and not for their lack of life, and the Burlington has frankly declared that on its immense system "it has found by long experience that it is quite impossible to operate successfully with only young men. Reliable men over 35 are too valuable an asset to overlook."

Other roads and many industrial concerns, perhaps less outspoken, have allowed the age limit to become a dead letter, and the remarkable discrimination against the man in the very prime of his life is fading away, as do all fool fads, in the light of inexorable experience.

It seems, therefore, as if the esteemed Dr. Osler had spoken about three years too late, and that it might be in order for him to revise his theories a bit.

The fame of a Los Angeles councilman who took the youngsters of his ward to a circus has reached Tacoma. Following the councilman's example the mayor of Tacoma took more than a hundred children to a circus last Friday. The mayor of Los Angeles seems to have all the circus he cares for at the city hall.

Luther Burbank, the California botanical wizard, has accomplished the supposed impossible feat of successfully "painting the lily." He has painted the calla, by natural process, several tints of yellow. It is hoped he will not undertake to paint it red.

The San Jose aeroplane refused to fly in trials made on Sunday. As its inventor is the brother of a bishop, it may have conscientious scruples about Sunday performances

TALENTED YOUNG ANGELENO TO RETURN FROM NEW YORK CITY

MISS FORMOSA HENDERSON

Another fair Los Angeles daughter who has been absent from her home for many months will soon be welcomed back by her friends. She is Miss Formosa Henderson, whom music lovers will remember as a young woman with a charming personality and a soprano voice of beautiful quality and great power. Miss Henderson has spent the winter in New York studying and at a recital given recently by her she delighted a large and critical audience. She is on her way to California and will visit "The Poet of the Sierras," Joaquin Miller, and his mother before returning to her home in Los Angeles. Besides enjoying a visit at "The Heights" Miss Henderson will renew a family friendship that began more than fifty years ago in Oregon, when the Hendersons were frequent visitors at the home of the poet's parents near Eugene. Mrs. Miller, although now in her ninetieth year, has gained the title of "the youngest woman in California" among her friends.

SOCIAL

DIARY AND GOSSIP

Farewell Reception

Mrs. Florence Collins Porter has issued invitations for a reception to be given at Inglenook, South Pasadena, Wednesday, May 31, in honor of Madame de Blumenthal, who will leave soon for Russia. Madame de Blumenthal has been in Los Angeles for many months in the interest of the peasant lace makers of Russia and she is taking her life in her hands to go back to her country and give them aid. While here she has lectured before the different clubs and has endeared herself to the women of Los Angeles. Many Angelinos prominent in club and social circles have become deeply interested in the work of this charming woman and a large company of them will be present at this farewell reception to wish her Godspeed on her perilous journey.

Mrs. Peck's Tea

The social whirl of the week was opened yesterday with a delightful function in the form of a tea at which Mrs. John F. Peck was hostess. The affair was given in her apartments in the Baker block and a beautiful plan to make it just as old-fashioned as possible was carried out. Old-fashioned flowers and greenery ornamented the quaint table from which coffee and tea were served and the guests were delighted during the afternoon by the singing of old-fashioned songs by Mrs. Albert Carlos Jones, Mrs. Charles Modini Wood and Miss Gerta Hatch. Receiving with Mrs. Peck were Mrs. John G. Mott and Mrs. Frank P. Flint, while others assisting were Mesdames Azro H. Naftzger, Charles Modini Wood, W. D. Woolwine, Albert Carlos Jones, R. H. Howell, Boyle Workman, Arcadia B. de Baker, Andrew Glassell, J. W. Hendrick, W. T. Botsford, H. C. Witmer, W. E. Dunn, R. H. Widner, W. H. Holmes, Luther Green, John E. Plater, Frank King, James Fulton, Ward, William Pridham, Arthur Braly and Pembroke Thomas. Presiding over the coffee and tea urns were Mesdames Hunt, E. L. Threlkeld, W. H. Pendleton, Cliff Page, Classius, D. G. Stevens, Coleman, A. L. Danskin, Felix Howes and Charles Miner.

Theater Party

A theater party at the Burbank last evening was composed of pupils and members of the faculty of the Freeze Dramatic school, who went armed with quantities of flowers to shower Gertrude Keller on her reappearance at that theater. Miss Keller is one of the dramatic teachers of the school. The party included Mrs. Blair, Miss Delphine Brault, Miss Blanche Brault, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Esther Bonniwell, Mrs. A. Gascoigne, Miss Grace Fraser, Mrs. Harry Fursman, Miss Giffen, Miss Gloryna Beresford, Miss Freeze, Miss Smythe, Miss Grace Cramer, Miss Bowman, Miss Hazel McNish, Miss Catherine Davis, Dr. Avery, Dr. H. F. O'Connor, Ward Heller, Hubert Lemon, Vivian Blygh, Bert Vatcher, A. J. Less, J. Rosher Norcutt, Arthur Van Loam, Albert Gascoigne, A. G. Bayless, W. J. Kellow, Richard G. Sloane and Capt. Tufnell Peacocke.

Students' Dance

Invitations have been issued for the second annual students' dance to be given Thursday evening at Freeze hall. The company of guests will include representatives of the different schools of Southern California, and a committee of nine from the various schools is in charge of the affair. They are Carrol Owen of Pasadena high school, Charles Archibald of Throop, Forrest Stanton of Harvard, Stanley Mitchell of Los Angeles high school, Arthur Hutchins of Ventura high school, Harry Underwood of Polytechnic high school, H. Lesley Swope of Anaheim high school, Tudor Rogers of U. S. C. and Henry Murietta of St. Vincent's.

The hall will be decorated in the colors of the various schools and a limited number of invitations will be received in each school.

For Birthday Anniversary

Prof. John H. Francis of the Polytechnic high school was guest of honor at a luncheon party given by the teachers of that institution in honor of his birthday anniversary. At 3 o'clock Prof. Francis was invited into one of the rooms where a carpenter's bench laden with dainties awaited his inspection. Sketches of the new building done on shavings marked the places of the guests and made appropriate souvenirs.

Married by Father

Miss Jean Yoakum Russell and Murray M. Watson were married Sunday afternoon by the father of the bridegroom, Rev. J. R. Watson, at the close of a service held in the chapel on Hartford street, where Dr. F. E. Yoakum conducts divine healing meetings. The ceremony was performed immediately at the close of the service and before a large company of people who did not even know that it was going to occur until the service was being read. The chapel had been beautifully decorated with flowers and foliage, and after the ceremony a wedding supper was served.

Engagement Announced

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Mabel St. Clair, daughter of Mrs. S. St. Clair of 1304 West Twelfth street, and Philip J. Baum of 1315 South Flower street was made Sunday evening. The engagement was kept a secret until Sunday and the announcement was made at a dinner and family reunion in honor of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Baum's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Baum.

Dance at Beach

A special car leaving Los Angeles at 2 o'clock in the afternoon will carry a company of young people down to Hotel Redondo next Saturday afternoon to attend the dancing party given in the evening by members of the Iota Alpha Sau chapter of the Phi Sigma.

Entertain Ohio Society Officers

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. B. Montgomery of 1709 West Twenty-third street will entertain the Ohio society officers and members of the entertainment committee Thursday evening, May 25.

For Mrs. Cross

Mrs. M. E. Johnson of 1119 West Twenty-ninth street will be hostess this evening at a dinner in honor of Mrs. William S. Cross. Covers will be laid for sixteen guests.

Social Notes

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunsaker announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Della Edith Hunsaker, to Frank Murphy, the wedding to occur Wednesday, June 28.

Mrs. W. W. Betts of Salt Lake City is the guest of Miss Edith Pell of 3309 South Grand avenue.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Sadie Goldberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Goldberg of 634 Sunset boulevard, to Max Harris.

May 23 in the World's History

1692—Third action off La Hogue between the British and French fleets. Six ships of the latter were burned.
1752—William Bradford, a noted American printer, died, aged 94. He established the first printing office in Philadelphia and also in New York. He was government printer more than fifty years, and is said to have walked over a great part of the city of New York on the day he died.
1798—The rebellion of the United Irishmen commenced.
1798—Lady Edward Fitzgerald, the celebrated Pamela, daughter of the duke of Orleans, ordered to quit the kingdom.
1804—The king of Prussia refused Napoleon's request to allow the French to occupy Embden.
1816—Massacre of the Christians by the Turks at Bona in Algiers.
1845—An arctic expedition commanded by Sir John Franklin sailed from the Thames.
1848—Freedom of the negroes proclaimed at St. Pierre, Martinique. An insurrection followed, and several houses and thirty-two persons were burned.
1851—Charles L. Brace, an American, is arrested and imprisoned in Hungary on a charge of being "a member of the democratic committee, an agent of Ujhazy and Cretz, and of traveling with revolutionary writings to spread revolutionary movements."
1864—Sioux Indian warriors to the number of 6000 were encamped on the upper Missouri river. Union troops under Gen. Sully were being mobilized at Sioux City to give the redskins battle.
1874—A national civil rights bill was passed in the United States senate.
1888—The dominion parliament of Ottawa presented a farewell address to the marquis of Lansdowne, the retiring governor general.
1898—The last California regiment embarked on the City of Peking for Manila. This composed the first detachment of a brigade to be commanded by Brig. Gen. T. N. Anderson.

Woman's Clubs

Ebell Club

At the meeting of the Ebell club yesterday afternoon Mrs. Lou V. Chapin delivered her monthly lecture on current events, bringing up especially the movement to abolish the saloon in Los Angeles. Mrs. Eliza Tupper Wilkes also spoke on this subject, saying it is important that the club women shall take a hand in the movement and urging them to use their influence to pass the anti-saloon ordinance. Previous to the current events lecture the home section met and listened to an explanation of some of the California laws which affect women, given by Miss Elizabeth Kenney, who is recognized as an authority on this subject.

Mrs. Foster Accepts Nomination

Officers of the Friday Morning club have been practically elected although the final ballot will not be cast until June. The directors of the club have received a telegram from Mrs. Ernest K. Foster stating that she will accept the nomination for president, and this with the others who have signified their willingness to accept nominations makes the ticket complete. The ticket as it stands bears the following names: Mhs. Foster, president; Mrs. B. Baruch, first vice president; Mrs. Samuel T. Clover, second vice president; Mrs. R. F. Widney, secretary; Mrs. M. N. Potter, treasurer. For directors, Mrs. Ella H. Enderlein, Mrs. Randall Hutchinson, Mrs. Merritt Davidson, Mrs. J. M. Sanbourne, Mrs. Arthur N. Davidson, Mrs. William Post, Mrs. Harriet Wright, Mrs. W. D. Turner and Mrs. J. R. Haynes.

Ebell Events for June

The Ebell club has issued a program for the closing month of the club year. On Monday, June 5, Frank Pixley will discuss "The Making of a Musical Comedy," and on the following Monday there will be a literary symposium, "The Tendency of Modern Literature. What It Is. Why?" in charge of Mrs. W. G. Bartlett. The installation of officers will occur on Monday, June 19, and at this time the annual reports will be given and tea will be served.

The seventh annual breakfast of the club, which will be the final big social affair of the year, will take place on Saturday, June 3, 10 a. m., at Cumnock hall. Members of the French section, who delighted a large audience with their clever production of a French comedy, will enjoy a picnic at Rubio canyon tomorrow.

Preparing for Exhibit

There is probably no club in Los Angeles which is having such a busy time as the Ruskin Art club this week, for its members are making final arrangements for the annual art exhibit. The exhibit this year will be larger than ever before and consequently there is an unusually large amount of preliminary work to be accomplished. A large corps of workmen are rushing the interior finishing of the new art gallery and the jury is also having a busy time viewing pictures which have been entered. Ceramics will be received from those who desire to enter this class of work on Thursday, when they will also be submitted to a jury.

Cosmos Club's First Meeting

The Cosmos club will hold its final meeting Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and it is expected that one of the most delightful programs of the year will be given at this time. The principal subject for the afternoon is books and Mrs. Emma Greenleaf will discuss Mrs. Humphry Ward's fiction and give a talk on books worth buying and owning. Music will include a vocal number by Mrs. Godsmark and a violin solo by Ralph Gunsburg. At the close of the meeting tea will be served.

Equal Suffrage Delegates

At a meeting of the county Equal Suffrage association held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bertha Hirsch Baruch, 1061 West Thirty-sixth street, Mrs. Baruch and Mrs. Eliza Tupper Wilkes were appointed to represent the association at the national Equal Suffrage convention to be held at Portland, Ore. Mrs. Wilkes will also represent the county association at the Venice assembly.

Business Club to Banquet

The Los Angeles Business Woman's club will give a banquet tomorrow evening in the club rooms on West Fourth street for the benefit of a fund for starting a library. A musical program, which promises to be delightful, has been provided.

THE HERALD'S BEACH EDITION

From the Santa Monica Review.

A great deal of credit is due The Los Angeles Herald for the fine special beach edition, covering Santa Monica, Ocean Park and Venice, which was issued yesterday and of which 1000 copies were circulated free on this beach. It was a very creditable edition.

From the Santa Monica Outlook.

The Los Angeles Herald of Sunday contained a beach section, consisting of twelve pages devoted to illustrations and descriptive write-ups of the beaches of Southern California.

Santa Monica and the bay's crescent were accorded generous tratment.