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Was it the dove of peace or the big stick? What a triumph it proves to be for "Not a Kopeck" Witte! The luster of Russia's diplomacy still shines undimmed. The dove of peace having litte, Mr. Witte may quite and flite. What a hero reputation Linevitch has—the only general Oyama didn't lick! The dove of peace probably looks after its three weeks of effort like the parrot at the end of its interview with the monkey.

August came in as cool as a refusal to lend money, but seems inclined to go out hot enough to bake flapjacks by sun heat. And we'll never know whether Oyama would have "eaten up" Linevitch or the latter would have chased Oyama into the sea. Too bad.

The birthplace of Lincoln, in Kentucky, has been sold for \$3600. How soon we are forgotten when the name is no longer available for a political pull. A dispatch from Manila states that "the American cruiser Rainbow was successfully floated today." No doubt it will be in ship-shape for chasing in the next political campaign.

President Roosevelt is scheduled for a visit to Florida in the latter part of October. Probably his purpose is to train for the strenuous winter in Washington by commencing with the alligators in the everglades.

The war in the far east being over, the conflict in Iowa has begun. Shaw and Cummins are at it like Kilkenny cats and the president will have to call a peace conference right in his own party next. Go it!

Two cases involving serious results from lightning strokes on the summit of Pike's Peak have occurred this summer and now a similar case is noted on Mount Hood. But such high strikes hardly can be called desirable.

Heavy thunderstorms in the mountains are reported from San Bernardino and other points near the great mountain ranges. The big cloud banks that we see from Los Angeles in the east and northeast are doing business in the Sierras.

The Herald of next Sunday, September 3, will be a complete and beautiful special edition, profusely illustrated and with a richly colored cover. Every citizen of Los Angeles should procure extra copies for transmission to eastern friends.

A California town has just caused itself to be christened with the name "Rockefeller" in honor to the distinguished billionaire. It is hoped the enterprising people of that place will have no cause to complain of "taint" transmitted by the name.

The last of the Huntington interurban lines recently under construction is expected to be completed on or about October 1. It is the connecting link between Los Angeles and Santa Ana, in Orange county. The new line will be of the highest type introduced in the interurban system.

The phenomenal good fortune, otherwise luck, that marks the record of Theodore Roosevelt's career is crowned by the peace triumph at Portsmouth. If he had failed in that daring effort he would have been a target for the world's bitter criticism. But success elicits the unbounded admiration of all civilized nations.

News of the death of Frederick H. Rindge came as a surprise to the people of Los Angeles, the precarious state of his health not being generally known. Mr. Rindge was one of the most wealthy and progressive of Los Angeles' citizens, always responsive to calls for assistance in good works, and his death is a distinct loss to the community.

One week from tomorrow the bond election will be held, involving the issue whether Los Angeles shall close its options on the Owens valley watershed. The time for considering the proposition is short, assuming that any further consideration is necessary. The Herald has tested the sentiment of citizens on the question, with the result that the water proposition is favored almost unanimously. The very few persons who are inclined to oppose it are either kickers "for revenue only" or the kind that the mule is said to be a type of—a "kicker from pure cussedness."

The dispatches from Portsmouth assuring peace state that "in the final struggle the Russians achieved the victory." This because the Japanese waived the point of indemnity and certain minor considerations for the sake of peace. But the really great achievement was on the Japanese side. With Russia at its mercy in the east, almost in a degree equal to that of the victorious Roman gladiator who awaited the signal of the thumbs, Japan stops, waives all points at issue and proclaims peace. Such an object lesson in true Christian charity from a nation that professes only the Buddhist and Shinto religions, is the most amazing spectacle the world has seen since the beginning of the Christian era.

ANNUAL WATER WARNING

The present spurt of real summer weather brings forth the annual warning in Los Angeles to use water sparingly.

The end of August means five months from the close of the last "rainy season." During the long rainless period this city draws continually upon the natural reservoirs in what is known as the Los Angeles watershed. Toward the end of the rainless season the supply runs short and precautions always are taken to make it hold out until the coming of another rainy season. If the rains are exceptionally late in appearing vigorous measures of economy in water use must be taken.

The warning now is given that the water in the large city reservoirs is diminishing rapidly. A continuance of the present warm weather for many days would make it necessary to stop street sprinkling. Such a drain continued still longer might necessitate an order to stop lawn sprinkling and thus injure one of the chief attractions of the city.

For many years Los Angeles has been confronted by the danger of a partial water famine in the latter part of the dry season. In order to keep up with the increased demand for water caused by the rapid growth of population, the plant has been extended and enlarged wherever additional supply was obtainable. But now, when the city is expanding in area and population more rapidly than ever before, we are told by the officials of the water department and by many geologists and other experts that the limit has been reached in the supply of the Los Angeles watershed.

There is a homely adage that "You can't draw blood from a turnip." Nor can you get milk from a dry cow. A watershed cannot supply a drop more of water than falls from the clouds. Los Angeles has reached the point where even by costly development and close husbanding of resources it can get, practically, no more water. By scraping the bottom of the deposit more closely the supply may be increased a little, but already nature has given notice that it can do nothing more for Los Angeles than it is doing now in the city's own watershed.

The only escape from such danger as that implied in the present warning about water economy lies in grasping the golden opportunity offered in the Owens valley water proposition. With that vast supply at command Aquarius might squirt water everlastingly on the streets, the lawns of a city in the million class could be kept perennially as green as emerald and greater Los Angeles could go on swimmingly in its metropolitan progress.

MEN TEACHERS ARE OBSOLESCENT

The disproportion of men and women teachers in the Los Angeles public schools was presented strikingly in yesterday's Herald. In the general classification the proportion of women to men in the assignments for the coming term is as thirteen to one. But of the total of sixty-two men forty-five are either principals of schools, night school teachers or instructors in high school scientific branches. Hence, so far as the grade schools are concerned, the proportion of women to men teachers is as thirty-three to one.

The gradual cutting out of men as teachers in public schools has furnished an endless theme for discussion within recent years, in all the larger American cities. In Los Angeles, judging from the foregoing statement, the elimination seems to have progressed faster than in any other city whose school data are at hand. In this city, as shown, the man teacher in grade schools is practically obsolete.

The cause of this dropping out of men as teachers, as generally conceded, is the comparatively small compensation and the lack of opportunities for advancement. A really bright young American, capable of teaching, is not attracted by the prospect of passing the best part of his life in a vocation that will afford him only a bare living. If he possesses the snap which is almost as necessary as advanced education in qualification for teaching, his ambition points to some other field of endeavor. He does not regard his motto, "Excellentor," as suited to the atmosphere of a school room.

But why should not women take the discarded places of men in the school rooms? The day has passed, fortunately, when the first requisite in a teacher was ability to thrash, in one inning, a group of the biggest boys. Moral suasion and kind treatment have taken the place of muscle and fistie ability in the school room.

The public schools of Los Angeles are recognized abroad as the highest type of such institutions, and with the proportion of teachers as stated above it is evident that the passing of men from the school rooms is not a loss but a possible gain.

MARSE HENRY AND THE CHINESE

Marse Henry Watterson, the picturesque, fire-eating, globe-trotting editor (by courtesy, not actual work) of the Louisville Courier-Journal, has yawned again. In an "interview" written by him for a New York paper on his return from Europe, along with an expert opinion on mint juleps and the righteousness of Bourbon straight, Marse Henry butts into some other affairs of which he is profoundly ignorant. One of these is the question of Chinese exclusion. These are the terms wherein he delivers himself of his opinions thereon:

If we want to do a good thing for our trade and at the same time illustrate our republican professions, we will proceed at once to undo what was forced upon us by the raffish self-seeking politicians on the Pacific. I have been a member of six national conventions, serving on the platform committee of most of them, and in each of these, after we had completed our platform work and were ready to adjourn, there appeared the inevitable delegation from the Pacific demanding an anti-Chinese plank—threatening the loss of Washington, Oregon and California, unless this was given them. I suppose the same thing happened to the Republican platform committees.

The time is coming, however, when both parties should refuse to be bullied into a false position because of a few electoral votes.

The Pacific coast does insist on Chinese coolie exclusion. It is proud because it took the lead in this great and much needed reform. It saw the evil of undesirable immigration early in its career and cried a halt that was more than a mere mouthing. It stopped the inrush of a horde of barbarians and unassimilable riff-raff and it protected its own pure blood against contamination and deterioration. And today it is the most American of all the various divisions of the United States.

On the other hand, the gates of the east have stood wide open to the scum and dregs of Europe and Asia. Hosts of Slavs, Huns, Italians and others of the most perilous sort have entered there, become part and parcel of the people, lowered conditions, thinned the good old stock, formed a purchasable and damning element in politics generally and have wrought untold harm, while the supine east has wailed and bemoaned, but has lacked the nerve to help its own cause.

Yes, Marse Henry, the coast did exclude the Chinese coolies and it's proud of it. And, furthermore, it intends to keep on doing so, despite irresponsible yawks from unknowing editors and silly screeds from designing politicians eager for a "Chinese vote." And you can put that in your mint julep to sweeten it!

Poor Larry Hanley has made his last exit—and left behind a sad warning to drunkards and dope fiends—which they will utterly ignore, as usual.

YES, IT WAS HOT ENOUGH FOR YOU

MERCURY AT 101; SEEMS ABOUT 250

WEATHER MAN IN TUB OF ICE

Rumored That Official Forecaster Franklin is in League With Soda Water Trust and Allied Against Humanity

The maximum temperature yesterday was 250 degrees, allowing for shrinkage of the mercury, but the government weather man asserts that it was only 101 degrees. He did his work sitting in a bath tub filled with ice water. He has no idea as to how torrid the atmosphere really was.

He is prejudiced in favor of the infallibility of his instruments. Besides he does not wish Angelinos to believe that he turned up the solar wick too high because Monday, on account of his good work in the heating business, he was given an honorary membership in the soda water trust. It is poor business management in any trust to let the people know who is directly responsible for the evil doings of the combine.

Mr. Franklin excuses himself by saying that "these warm spells will happen occasionally." This is the same argument that old Sol used when the earth was a molten mass and he wanted to console himself with the fact that after all he was the only real thing in the heating business.

Mr. Franklin further says that the gentle warmth of yesterday was due to the area of high atmospheric pressure existing in the north and east with a corresponding depression in the southeast, resulting in drying land winds and high temperature.

Saloon keepers, ice cream vendors and soda water merchants, basing their statements on the patronage they received, are willing to admit that the winds were of the "drying" variety. So will their patrons.

Mr. Franklin refuses to say what he has in store for today. He may decide to run the mercury in the thermometer up to 200 degrees, but this is not probable. Hot spells are usually of three days' duration, he says, but then you never can tell what a right good weather man will do.

Not since 1885, when the weather man forgot to bank his fires and let the heat get up to 106 degrees, has there been such a hot August twenty-four hours as that of yesterday. Heretofore the maximum August temperature has ranged around the 95 mark.

The humidity was low yesterday. It was a relative twenty per cent which is sixty-four per cent below the average for the month. It made the heat more unendurable even at its minimum of 68 degrees at 6 o'clock a. m.

The towns of the interior suffered more than did Los Angeles, and that is some comfort.

Overcome by Heat

Robert Snyder of Hollywood was overcome by the heat yesterday afternoon at 129 South Main street and was taken to the receiving hospital. Snyder said he had been suffering from the heat for two days and when he climbed down from his wagon and passed into the comparative coolness of the warehouse the shock of the change overcame him.

LIBRARIAN LUMMIS TELLS OWENS' HISTORY

EXPLAINS HOW MOUNTAIN RIVER WAS NAMED

Interesting Account of Facts in Early Chronicles of California Are Unearthed by the Head of the Los Angeles Public Library

Charles F. Lummis, librarian of the Los Angeles public library, has made a study of the derivation and spelling of the word "Owens," now much used by Angelinos in connection with the great water project. Mr. Lummis says:

"Since Owens river has become and is likely to continue a household word with this community it may be well to settle, at the start, the correct spelling of the name and its history—about neither of which does there seem to be much known. It is spelt Owen's in Hittell's 'History of California,' in Bancroft's ditto—also in his 'Native Races,' vols. I to IV—and in the Century and Standard dictionaries. It is spelt Owens in the government publication, 'The Origin of Certain Place Names in the United States' (second edition, 1895), by Henry Gannett; in the index of Bancroft's 'Native Races,' in the New International Encyclopedia, in Dr. Coues' 'Gardes' and in Drake's 'California Names.' But in none of them has it any explanation. The river, lake, valley and Indian tribe all get their share of this variation of spelling.

August 30 in the World's History

- 30 B. C.—Cleopatra, queen of Egypt, destroyed herself by the bite of an asp to save herself from the disgrace of captivity.
1645—Treaty of peace between the New England colonies and the Narragansett Indians.
1645—A formal treaty of peace between the Dutch in New Amsterdam under William Kieft and the Indians in the vicinity.
1690—King William forced to raise the siege of Limerick after sustaining great loss.
1794—The Austrian garrison of Conde lay down their arms as prisoners of war at the first summons of the French Republican General Scherer.
1801—Cairo surrendered to the British and Egypt evacuated by the French.
1814—Alexandria, in Virginia, capitulated to the British and delivered up the public stores, shipping, etc. The British, under Sir Peter Parker, having attacked the Americans at Brimsfield, were repulsed with considerable loss. Among the killed was Sir Peter himself.
1860—Street railways introduced into England.

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"The lake is sponsor to the rest. In February, 1846, John C. Fremont, the Pathfinder, named it for one of his guides. See his 'Memoirs,' p. 455, 'To one of the lakes along their route on the east side of the range I gave Owens' name.' This was the Richard Owens, Kit Carson's friend and partner, who had taken up with him a stock ranch on the Cimarron, a tributary of the Arkansas river, in Colorado. When he started on this (his third) expedition, Fremont sent a messenger to Kit Carson to join him; and the most famous scout of his day not only came but brought with him a man whom Fremont came to value almost as much. It is a high tribute that the Pathfinder pays to Owens. (See 'Memoirs,' p. 427). 'That Owens was a good man it is enough to say that he and Carson were friends. Cool, brave and of good judgment. A good hunter and a good shot; experienced in mountain life, he was an acquisition and proved valuable throughout the campaign.'

"Here linking Godey with Carson and Owens, Fremont continues: 'I mention him here because the three men come fitly together, and because of the peculiar qualities which gave them in the highest degree efficiency in the service in which they were engaged.

"The three under Napoleon might have become marshals, chosen as he chose men. Carson of great courage; quick and complete perception, taking in at a glance the advantage as well as the chances for defeat; Godey, insensible to danger, of perfect coolness and stubborn resolution; Owens equal in courage to the others and in coolness to Godey had the coup d'oeil of a chess player, covering the whole field with the glance which sees the best move. His dark-hazel eye was the chief feature of his face.'

"These qualities of Owens crop out here and there in the narrative of the Pathfinder—particularly in his collisions with hostile Indians.

"Fremont also records ('Memoirs,' p. 449), that Owens saw gold on the American river before Marshall discovered it (in fact on this third expedition) and mentioned it to him. But both were too busy with the taking of California to pay serious attention to the glittering particles.

"It is a little sarcasm on the incompleteness of our encyclopedias that none of them mention this border hero who, in the opinion of the first Republican candidate for the presidency of the United States, might have been a marshal under Napoleon.

"A good many prominent California place names, by the way, derive from this and earlier expeditions of Fremont. Kern river—which the government publication mistakenly ascribes as 'named for three brothers,' was christened by Fremont in honor of Edward M. Kern of Philadelphia, his topographer and artist on the third expedition. (See 'Memoirs,' pp. 455 and 425). The city and county were named for the river.

"Walker's lake and river (Nevada) and Walker's pass in California were similarly named for Joseph Reddelford Walker, one of Fremont's men on the second and third expeditions, ('Memoirs,' pp. 435 and 455).

"After Kit Carson we have Carson City, Nev., and Carson pass, lake, river and valley, in the same state, as well as a peak in Utah, to say nothing of a town and county in Colorado, Kit Carson.

"Only poor Godey seems to have been wholly lost in this geographic deal.

"Fremont himself, however, has had little gratitude from the nation or from this state. A small town in Ventura county is the only place name in California to his honor—while counties in Colorado, Idaho and Iowa, a noble peak in Wyoming and many towns all the way from New Hampshire to Utah are named for him."

SUPERVISOR WILSON HURLED FROM AN AUTO

Supervisor P. J. Wilson, residing at 1139 West Fortey-second street, narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday morning by the overturning of his automobile at Seventh and Flower streets.

Mr. Wilson was going east on Seventh street at a fast rate of speed and in crossing the car tracks leaned forward on the steering wheel to avoid the jolting. His weight threw the wheel to one side in such a way as to cause the machine to swerve violently and overturn. Mr. Wilson, who was alone, was thrown heavily to the pavement sustaining a sprained ankle and a bruised knee cap. He was given assistance by those who witnessed the accident and was afterward taken to his home.



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REFUSE TO DENY RUMOR OF GLASS

COMMISSIONERS DO NOT TALK OF APPOINTMENT

TWO MORE DAYS FOR HAMMEL

Police Board Makes No Provision for Vacancy Occurring Friday and Sidestep Discussion of Former Chief

Will John Glass be chosen by the commission to succeed W. A. Hammel as chief of police? This is the question which is being asked all over the city by interested citizens. It was put direct to the police commissioners yesterday by a Herald reporter.

"That's a conundrum," said Commissioner Mason. "I really can't say at the present time. In fact we have not discussed the appointment of a new chief as yet."

"I don't know," said Commissioner Johnson. "I cannot tell who will be the next chief of police. We have not as yet discussed this question, but undoubtedly will in the near future."

Commissioner Gates disagreed with his colleagues on the point of whether or no the commission had discussed the appointment of a new chief. There are those who consider this point as important. "I can't tell who will be the next chief. We have not decided as yet," said Commissioner Gates. "Have we discussed the question? Oh, yes, a number of times, but have come to no decision. It will be taken up after Mr. James returns."

Vacancy in Two Days

In two days Chief Hammel will retire and the department will be without a chief. With the successor to the present able chief still a man of mystery, the commission took no note of the fact yesterday morning in the public session, and who is to run the department during the interval is another mystery. A politician said while discussing the conundrum yesterday:

"I suppose the department will be turned over to Capt. Auble and he will be given instructions to act as chief until a successor to Chief Hammel can be chosen.

"It certainly seems strange that two commissioners say no discussion has been had regarding the appointment of a new chief, when Hammel will have retired before the next meeting of the board. Another strange proposition comes up when one of the 'Solid Three' says they have discussed the proposition. What does that mean? Have the aforesaid 'Solid Three' been getting together?"

"Thus far I should pick Glass as the winner in the contest, for there are many in Los Angeles who favored him as chief and who opposed his removal. I suppose there will be 'nothing doing' until James gets back, however."

A Kalamazoo (Mich.) woman's will provides \$10,000 for food and baths for tramps. The provision that some of the bequest should be used for baths was probably inserted in order that the fund should never be exhausted.—Buffalo Express.

OBSTRUCTIONISTS FAIL TO POSTPONE ELECTION

Intention to Invoke Referendum Fails Because State Law Governed

"Knockers Become Dismay" The association of obstructionists, of which Houghton is the leader, has been plotting to defeat the Owens river bond election, not by voting it down at the polls, but by circulating a petition and securing the signatures of 5 per cent of the voters in thirty with which to invoke the referendum, and thus force the postponement of the election until the date of the next general election, one year from December.

This would of course defeat the proposition and those behind the movement boasted great hopes of doing up the other 95 per cent of the voters in the city by what they termed a piece of strategy. Houghton has been boasting at the city hall that election would not be held September 7.

All was in readiness for the meeting of the "knockers" when they discovered to their dismay yesterday that the water bond election had been called under a state statute and is not subject to the referendum. The game was up.

CHINA STUDYING UP ON PARLIAMENTARY LO

Students Sent Abroad to Investigate Workings of Representative System in Various Countries

By Associated Press. PEKIN, Aug. 29.—The foreign ministers attended a banquet which Prince Ching gave in bidding farewell to the committee starting from China on tour of the world. The principal object of this mission is to study the parliamentary proceedings of the governments abroad, as the dowager empress intends to issue a decree at the new year for the establishment of parliament twenty-one years hence. In the meantime the government will maintain a body of students abroad for the purpose of preparing the country for parliamentary government.

The commissioners will spend a month in Japan and proceed thence to Europe, via America.

The proposition was discussed of traversing Canada, avoiding America on account of the exclusion laws but the idea was abandoned because of the rigor of the Canadian climate.

The commission will be accompanied by a large retinue.

Mr. Cleveland has survived his entire first cabinet, with the exception of Mr. Vilas, who presided over the convention which nominated him.

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