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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.

Population of Los Angeles 201,249

The climax has been reached in the fish story season at Catalina. The highest mark is scored in the catching of a 512-pound shark with rod and reel.

The fate of a San Francisco man who was crushed to death by a folding bed proves that the gasoline stove and the rolling pin are not the only deadly domestic appliances.

In the news of the revolt in the Baku district of the czar's possessions it is stated that "the best part of the Tartar population has risen." The cream of Tartar is up, it seems.

The advance guard of winter visitors from abroad is reported this year much earlier than usual. A sharp increase in the demand for houses and apartments for the winter is noted.

A notable feature in the real estate market is the present eagerness to snap up available lots in the outskirts of the city. It is attributed chiefly to the clinching of the Owens valley water supply law.

Says W. E. Curtis, the Chicago newspaper man, writing from this city, in speaking of H. E. Huntington: "Other cities can envy Los Angeles the possession of such a citizen with such a fortune and disposition." True as gospel.

A dispatch from Manchuria states that when the peace news reached the Russian soldiers they cheered heartily for President Roosevelt. It is not stated whether they hurrahed for Roosevelt, Rooseveltkoff or Rooseveltovich.

The Riverside Press rises to remark proudly that on one day this week it "took in \$42,000 cash." The money was in the form of bank notes issued to a local institution and the work of a machine paper cutter was necessary to divide the sheets.

The report from San Francisco to the effect that "H. E. Huntington, the Los Angeles street railway magnate, now is preparing to come north," meaning to establish electric transit lines, probably illustrates the saying that "the wish is father to the thought."

According to the figures of Mr. Curtis, the Chicago Record-Herald's investigator, 250,000 strangers visit Los Angeles yearly and spend here about \$25,000,000. These statements are credited to the railway passenger agents. And the number is increasing yearly in rapid ratio.

It is shown by an official report that the gold output of the United States for the last fiscal year was \$7,131,500 more than for the previous year. Of that increase nearly half is credited to California, last year's gold product being the largest for the state since the '60's.

Members of the city council are quite right in the determination not to make long contracts for city lighting. It is more than probable that the city will do all the electric lighting before many years, and there is reason even for hope of relief from the present gas monopoly.

Savants of the state university claim to have discovered human remains "in limestone caves of Calaveras county." Probably there will be a question whether the remains are really of the genus homo, but there would be no such question if traces of a distillery could be found near them.

It is expected that the regular strike season will be opened in Chicago this week by the railway freight handlers. A tentative opening was made by some of the job printers, but it attracted but little attention. A strike that paralyzes business is the kind that has made Chicago famous in that line.

An evangelical society in Indiana has incorporated for the purpose of having "placards bearing scriptural quotations placed in all the street cars of the United States." Quotations from the output of "the Indiana poet belt" might be more effective in inducing sinners to "flee from the wrath to come."

The deadly wire, carrying heavy electric voltage, continues its work among linemen notwithstanding all presumed precautions. And managers of electric concerns contend that there should be no danger. The only way of settling the question is for the managers and linemen to exchange jobs for awhile.

The disaster on the New York Elevated railway, as reported in The Herald, is the first serious one of the kind in the history of the elevated lines in that city. That class of railways looks dangerous, with cars perched above the streets, but statistics show that the system is safer than any other of railway kind.

The airship exhibition in this city last Sunday was a failure as a race, but it was another step, nevertheless, in the direction of success in aerial navigation. The airship, as attempted in these days, is a comparatively recent idea. That is to say, the time since the first attempt to introduce it, practically, is shorter than the time it took to reach corresponding success with many of the world's greatest inventive achievements.

CITY AND COUNTY CONSOLIDATION

Los Angeles city and county consolidation is a future possibility, but not a present probability. The suggestion is interesting, at least, and the talk about it by leading citizens indicates serious consideration.

It is discussed now with more freedom than would have been accorded it before the city water problem was solved. The assurance of sufficient water for a city of vast area brings the consolidation scheme within the possible limit. And then, the general idea has taken root to some extent by reason of the plan to consolidate certain city and county offices which was submitted and defeated at the last election.

There is no precedent for such city expansion as would result from bringing the whole of Los Angeles county within the city limits. San Francisco has been cited as a precedent, but it answers only in respect to the practicability of city and county consolidation when the territory is relatively small. The areas of San Francisco and Los Angeles counties are relatively as the average county is to a state. New York presents a more singular anomaly than San Francisco in respect to city and county dimensions, as the greater city is nearly ten times as big in area as the county of New York.

It will be a long time, probably, before it is feasible to pull into the city of Los Angeles the forty miles or so of territory eastward and the sixty miles or more of territory (chiefly mountains) northward. It will be practicable, however, to extend the city limits gradually, and ultimately, perhaps, to make the ocean a border line. There are thriving and beautiful suburbs now ripe for annexation, and the assurance of ample water within four or five years will lead many others to knock at the admission door.

It will be safer, anyway, to approach city and county consolidation by steps rather than at a bound. When Los Angeles city shall extend "from the mountains to the sea" it will be time enough to consider the suggestion to take in the rest of the county.

A KNOCKER'S MARESNEST

In looking about for fresh "knocking" material where-with to assail the Los Angeles water project the San Francisco Chronicle discovered a maresnest in the wilds of Inyo county. It seems that a woman lives in that county who is a "famous novelist." Judging from a communication obtained from her by the Chronicle she is a specialist in the fairy story line. As an example of her skill in fiction we note the statement that "the people of Los Angeles have been misled and deceived with regard to the water rights secured in Inyo county by the secret agents of the city; that the quantity is far less than has been stated there and the quality inferior."

But the nub of the novelist's revelation is found in the charge that "J. B. Lippincott, consulting engineer of the United States reclamation service, has also been acting in the same professional capacity for the water board of the city of Los Angeles."

The fact is that the Los Angeles authorities had access to all the information that had been obtained by the government relative to the Owens valley water supply. Any other persons might have obtained the same information for the asking. Neither Mr. Lippincott nor any other employe of the government did anything in the premises that conflicted with their duties in the service of the government.

MAKING THE PUBLIC WEARY

The machinery of the initiative and referendum is in process of being oilied for another run. Canvassers are engaged in securing signatures calling upon the city council "to enact an ordinance regulating the speed of electric cars at all street crossings within the city limits, and prohibiting the operation of freight cars over city tracks by companies not entitled by franchise to such privilege." In case the council declines to accede to the demand embodied in the petition, as declared, "the matter will have to be submitted to a vote of the people at a special election."

The cost of the special election last week foots up about \$7000. As the city will have to scrape the bottom of the treasury for funds to meet necessary expenses during the fiscal year, even an item of \$7000 is worth considering.

But that is of less importance than the motive underlying the movement in question. The first feature of the petition, relating to the speed of electric cars at crossings, is only a blind for the second feature. The latter is an attempt to force the stoppage of the delivery of market products in the city on electric cars constructed especially for the purpose. It is the same movement that has been tried unsuccessfully by other methods. The initiative and referendum are to be invoked now to compel the city council to prohibit such cars from entering the city.

The people of Los Angeles are growing weary of having the initiative and referendum projected "without just cause or provocation." Certain groups of persons who are ambitious to pose in the limelight seem to be constantly on the qui vive for an opportunity to grasp those public safety valves. But while the usefulness of the safety valves is appreciated by the public, there is a rapidly growing conviction that they should not be used for ax-grinding purposes.

ROCKEFELLER AS A PROPHET

The mantle of Mother Shipton seems to have fallen upon the shoulders of John D. Rockefeller. The mighty billionaire is moved by the spirit of prophecy. Pushing aside the curtains of the future and peering far ahead, he sees financial trouble in the United States. His long-distance vision perceives millions of American workmen out of jobs within the next two years. The trouble will culminate, he declares, in 1907.

But John D. puts a saving clause in his dire prediction. In the two years of grace before the time fixed for the trouble to begin it will be possible to guard against the calamity revealed by the horoscope. Therefore, it is only a conditional calamity that he foresees, and there is time enough to escape after the manner of a Kansas granger making for the cyclone cellar.

Without regard to the accuracy of Mr. Rockefeller's foresight, the preventive suggestion that he makes is a good one. He thinks the government should make provision for employing a great army of workers on a systematic plan of public road improvement. He is quoted as saying that "congress should take up this matter at once and make provision to let the honest men of the nation earn their bread and that of their families." And he continues: "This is a matter that should not be delayed."

Mr. Rockefeller is the only conspicuous forecaster of early financial trouble, but the force of his suggestion concerning road improvements is "plain as a pikestaff."

An ordinance that Los Angeles would do well to copy has been passed by the city council of Houston, Tex. It is intended to suppress the "mashing" practice that has become insufferable in this city. For any act whatever in that line at which a woman might take offense a penalty is imposed of \$100 fine or 100 days in jail.

ST. ATHANASIUS' VESTRY ARRANGES ANNUAL CONCERT



MISS AVIS ROUSE

The second annual concert under the auspices of the vestry of St. Athanasius Episcopal church will be given next Thursday evening in the Temperance temple auditorium. These concerts are given at the close of the summer vacations.

The following members of the vestry compose the concert committees: Messrs. Charles Swinnerton, Charles A. Blackmar, C. A. Gross, J. F. Dickinson and David Bruce. Rev. Stephen Sherman, the rector of St. Athanasius church, is taking an active interest in the forthcoming event.

The program will be as follows: piano solo, "Minuet" (Freibock), Miss Avis Rouse; vocal solo, G. W. Christopher; vocal duet, "Life's Dream is O'er," Mrs. H. Dickinson and George La Four; reading, "King Robert of Sicily" (Longfellow), Miss Allie Hal-leth Taylor; vocal quartet, the Filharmonic; piano solo, "Maiden's Wish," Miss Avis Rouse; musical specialties, Carl Unger; vocal solo, Mrs. H. Dickinson; vocal solo, Hugh Callender; quartet, the Filharmonic; vocal solo, George La Four.

EAST SAN GABRIEL SCENE OF ARABIAN NIGHTS' TALE

EXPLOSION AND BLUE LIGHTS LOCATE GOLD MINE

Lowell Collins Finds High-Grade Ore in a Mysterious Crack in the Earth and Assays Cause Him to Dream of Great Wealth

A sharp explosion in the night at East San Gabriel, an uprising of blue flame that is said to have lasted until after daylight, the cracking of the earth for a distance of forty feet wide by 100 feet long—these were the dramatic incidents that are alleged to have opened up a gold and silver mine.

Lowell Collins says all these incidents can be vouched for. He does not insist upon them, but presents in evidence as to the existence and richness of the mine at East San Gabriel—thus dramatically opened—an assayer's certificate attesting the fact that ore from the mine assayed 95 cents in copper, \$1.16 gold and \$2 silver.

Neighbors Are Skeptical

Neighbors of Collins are inclined to be skeptical about the mine. They admit, however, that something weird happened, but they incline to the belief that a meteor fell. Opposed to this belief is the fact that a meteor is composed of metal heavier than iron, while Collins produces great pieces of lava slag, light as cinders and resembling gypsum.

The land on which these remarkable incidents are reported to have occurred is eleven miles from Los Angeles and is a stubble field bordering on the Southern Pacific railroad tracks. The property is owned by Charles Pyle of Los Angeles, a son-in-law of Collins, who says he has not visited the place in several months.

Mysterious Blue Flame

Collins declares that on the night of June 9 last an explosion near his home awakened him. On looking out he saw a blue flame running along the ground in the stubble field. It burned thus all night, he says. Afterward he made a long series of investigations and now believes he has a gold mine as a result of the explosion.

Collins is not yet certain what he will do with his bonanza. He says he has had a tentative offer of \$6000, but re-

fused it. He thinks he will incorporate a company and work the mine himself.

MAY NAME INSPECTORS FOR CONCRETE BUILDINGS

Superintendent Backus Asks Council to Have New Method Carefully Tested

As a result of the new method of building construction with cement reinforced by steel, it is probable that the city council will pass an ordinance creating special inspectors to oversee the work and pass upon its safety, the salaries of the officials to be paid by the contractors.

Building Superintendent Backus in his report to the council yesterday morning stated that for the public safety it is imperative that every batch of concrete and piece of steel should be inspected before being put into place; that the class of buildings of this kind are almost entirely unknown in this part of the country and that until the builders have more experience, the city should proceed along safe and well known lines.

Councilman Smith, after the report had been referred to the building committee expressed himself in sympathy with the proposition, but said that the city was not in a condition to pay for the inspectors and he would favor the motion only on the condition that the contractors be made to stand the expense.

One of the largest concrete and steel buildings now under process of construction is the Homer Laughlin annex facing on Hill street.

WATER COMMISSIONERS HOLD SHORT SESSION

Attorney Cox Pleads for Action on Water Land Proposition, but Must Wait

A short session of the board of water commissioners was held yesterday afternoon. Two applications for the extension of water mains were received and placed on file, but aside from this there was no business before the board.

Attorney Cox, who represents a syndicate that is trying to sell the city some more water bearing lands in the Owens river district, appeared before the board in an effort to hasten action on the affair, but was told that the proposition of his clients would be looked into as soon as the new water boards could be disposed of.

Sept. 12 in the World's History

- 1504—Columbus sailed from San Domingo. He landed at St. Lucar in November. 1609—Hudson weighed anchor in the harbor of New York and commenced his memorable voyage up the river which bears his name. 1683—The allies under John Sobieski and the duke of Lorraine routed the vast Turkish army under the walls of Vienna and compelled them to raise the siege. 1776—Washington, with the remains of his army, entered Philadelphia after his disastrous defeat at Brandywine. The same night a party of the British made an excursion to Wilmington. 1804—The American squadron captured near Tripoli two vessels laden with wheat for that city. 1812—Fort Wayne relieved by the troops under Gen. Harrison. 1814—Battle of Fort McHenry near Baltimore. 1829—The Spanish army under Gen. Barrados surrendered to the Mexicans under Santa Ana at Tampico. 1850—The fugitive slave bill passed by the house of representatives at Washington as it had come down from the senate. 1854—Commodore Perry sailed from Hongkong for the United States. 1861—Battle of Cheat mountain, Virginia; Union forces victorious. 1862—Fight on Elk river, Virginia, near Cauley, which lasted all day. Charleston bombarded and burned. 1864—Gen. Sherman sends all the inhabitants at Atlanta out of the place. 1903—An explosion of a barrel of alcohol on the cruiser Olympia at Norfolk, Va., killed two men and injured several others. The United States cruiser Maryland launched.

Regina Music Box advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman with a music box and text: 'The... Regina Music Box... QUEEN OF MUSIC MAKERS... It makes real music—such as really musical people like to hear—the discs last for years and cover the whole range of music from Wagner to Ragtime. The Regina has depth and sweetness of tone. You may own one of the music makers by paying a small amount down and a little each month. Let us explain our offer. We are sole agents. Southern California Music Co. 332-334 So. Broadway'

Pi-lines and Pick-ups advertisement with text: 'Out for the Dust... To sell a piece of real estate... The man hitched up his rig; It was a warm and dusty day— The man cared not a fig... His customer searched near and far, Selections he looked at; And as the sun set he was hooked; At twilight landed pat... Full wearily that agent drove His nag, all homeward bound. And as they plodded on their road, The dust cloud hovered 'round... Yellow the man was when at last His wife her greetings thrust At him: "You simply are a sight!" Said he: "O, wife, that's all right, I was out for the dust!"... When John D. Rockefeller began to work in an oil refinery, back in the early days, S. A. Dillon was one of his co-laborers. Dillon went in for honors in the union; Rockefeller put in his time learning the oil business. Dillon now makes \$21 a week up in Iowa; Rockefeller—oh, what's the use? Men still join unions... Maybe Adam Fad will now straighten up and "walk like a man" once more... Miss Orange—When is my complexion at its best? Miss Lemon—Just after you put it on, dear!... Chicago university cleared \$24 last year. Who says advertising doesn't pay?... The pound master may lasso the dogs of war and put them in the kennels till next time... Matrimonial agents have been barred from the mails. Marriage is a lottery—see?... Dowie now runs all the special excursions to Zion City on Sundays, and advertises 'em in the Sunday papers, too! Sly old Elijah!... How to live on \$c a day, reduced from 11c: Go to jail... Chee-foo will now join Mole St. Nicholas in well earned obscurity as the ex-fake factory center of the earth... Prof. Metchinkoff says one can live 150 years on a sour milk diet. What's the use?... From the size of its bill, the dove o' peace resembles a pelican... Rockefeller's silk hat was stolen at church last Sunday. Look out for a rise in oil prices... Kansas City is to have a corn carnival—but the corn must be on the ear or loose, not in juice form... Burlington, Wyo., girls are advertising for a barber. They find it very trying, this being rubbed by raspy cheeks... Babbling Brooks Don't sing to me of "babbling" brooks, They're not the sort for me, When I seek dim and shady nooks, With parties—not of three! I want no brook that "babbles!" No, Nor chatters, as it flows; I like a stream that's silent, and 'Won't tell quite all it knows! —W. H. C.

At Hoegee's advertisement featuring an illustration of a man and text: 'At Hoegee's... Everything for the KODAK 138-142 South Main Ex's 87'

Private Window advertisement featuring an illustration of a window and text: 'Private Window... A private window is provided for the accommodation of the ladies. Will you make use of it? Merchants Trust Company 209 South Broadway Capital \$300,000'