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Population of Los Angeles 201,249. Christmas day was about as tame as Christmas eve was lively. But it was a slight happier.

Captain Tazgart, of whisky drinking and divorce fame, is in Peoria. Probably wanted to be near the base of supplies.

Employees of Willie Hearst are to furnish him with a banquet this evening. He should raise their wages in acknowledgment of the compliment.

New Yorkers last year spent \$4,000,000 in five-cent street car fares, exclusive of as much or more in ten-cent and commutation fares. That's going some.

Wouldn't it be well for the express companies to hire a few extra wagons and men, and deliver a few thousands of the Christmas packages they have on hand? Another Christmas will be along in a few months.

If the city council insists on creating the office of "inspector of reinforced concrete" we hope it will allow him to inspect. We don't want any more special legislation such as the council gave the public in the case of the meter inspector.

The movement on the part of the city council to prevent spitting on the sidewalk should meet with instant cooperation from the police department. For a time the nuisance seemed to have abated, but of late it has grown worse, and public health demands aggressive action.

With \$3,000,000 locked up in City Treasurer Workman's strong box, and no deficit in the city's finances, why is it that Mayor McAleer favors the issuing of bonds to build a city jail? Must we have a bond issue for every little expenditure? If so, there is something wrong with our municipal system.

The official count of the vote cast in New York city for mayor was completed yesterday as follows: For McClellan, Democrat, 228,397; for Hearst, anti-Democrat, 224,929, giving to Mr. McClellan a clear and unquestionable plurality of 368. No comment on the hullabaloo raised by Hearst is necessary.

The Redlands Citrograph estimates the citrus fruit crop of that district at 3100 cars and the probable shipments of the entire crop in the southland at 25,000 cars. Growers are receiving higher prices this season, a fact which they attribute to a smaller output but which the buyers say is due to better and riper fruit.

Suppose it does cost Los Angeles \$30,000,000 to build the big Owens river aqueduct, as the consulting engineer estimates? And suppose it does require eight years to build it? The result will be worth many times the cost and the aqueduct will pay for itself without taxing the people a dollar. Los Angeles can take care of this enterprise without any trouble.

What has become of that agreed case which was handed to the supreme court for speedy decision six months ago respecting the bonds issued by Los Angeles for school building purposes? By the time a decision is had we will be confronted with another emergency and another bond issue. Some day there will be a law requiring courts to give decisions within thirty days after cases are submitted.

If contractors are constructing and placing fire escapes in violation of the city ordinances, as developed yesterday in the trial of Fire Inspector Moriarity, the law should be quick to correct the error. It is a question of the safety or rescue of human lives from imminent peril, and no leniency should be extended to those who do not comply with the legal requirements, or with those derelict in the discharge of official duty.

A. C. True, director of United States agricultural experiment stations, advocates the teaching of agriculture in the public schools. This may be and is a valuable suggestion for country schools, but it would assuredly be out of place in the crowded city school curriculum. If Mr. True means to apply his suggestion to all public schools, then the doctors might as well insist on a medical course, the surveyors on an engineering course and so on ad infinitum. Our schools are already incumbered with much specialized teaching.

ONLY ONE PLACE TO LIVE

On a salary of \$20 to \$30 a week, according to Public Opinion, a man in New York city has a hard time living in any sort of decency. On such a salary the dream of a home for two is impossible. The barest sort of existence, eked out in a prune-and-breakfast-food boarding house, in a miserable hall bedroom, costs \$15 per week, and that leaves little for anything else, and at least \$5 car fare per month is imperative, as no one can live near his work.

If he lives in Brooklyn, the Bronx or Jersey, he may secure quarters a little better, but at the expense of double car fare. A cottage with his own dooryard, even a flat with the woes of a janitor, are out of the purview of his vision.

How different it is in Los Angeles. Here on the same salary one may live in his own home in comfort. A delightful cottage, with ample grounds, may be had for \$15 up. Five cents each way pays car fare, and half an hour or less covers the distance to work.

In his own dooryard the man may have blooming flowers of the richest and rarest varieties every day in the year. His walk may be bordered by palms and peppers and he may dine on the best of earth. Strawberries that cost the New York nabob \$1 apiece are on his table at Christmas, and the furnace fire is an unknown evil.

And if he prefers to own? He may buy a lot on terms, or, owning one, may build in the same fashion. Every month his debt is less and his property is worth more. Every tree and shrub he plants increases its value, and its sale at a greater price than it costs is always a possibility. He is free, independent, a citizen and a land owner in the garden spot of the world.

He fears neither blizzard nor torrid spell; he sleeps or nights free from roaring racket or sepulchral silence; the song of the mocking bird enchants his dreams and the robin awakens him.

"Little old New York" is very fine—in theory. "The Great White Way" is beautiful—to lobstermen and chorus girls. But the man who would live in the fullness of his living—he comes to Los Angeles.

Scotty is still alive. So is his press agent. It could not be expected that the latter would permit so good a thing as the former to get away while the coin holds out.

Politically it will be all day with Mr. Roosevelt if he continues to get mixed up personally in the Republican quarrels in New York state. The ghosts of Hayes, Garfield and Arthur speak loudly in favor of his keeping hands out of that mess. He cannot "make a silken purse out of a sow's ear."

ARIZONA STATEHOOD

In a lengthy editorial the esteemed St. Louis Globe-Democrat, a Republican organ devoted to the interests of the national administration, gives out the information cold and flat that "soon after the holiday recess the house will send to the senate a bill erecting Oklahoma and the Indian Territory into the state of Oklahoma and transferring the territories of Arizona and New Mexico into the state of Arizona. The bill will pass the senate in that shape. It will be signed by the president. There is not the slightest reason for doubt on any one of these points."

Further along the Globe-Democrat states that opposition to the union of Arizona and New Mexico has about disappeared and that it only existed in the first place among politicians who figured that two states would give them a double amount of offices to fill.

The Globe-Democrat may be right in its announcement that joint statehood is inevitable as to Arizona and New Mexico, because forsooth the Republican leaders are apparently determined to gerrymander everything into adding Republicans to the present list of United States senators, but it will be a wrong to Arizona, nevertheless—a wrong for which the Republican party will have to answer at some future time.

Moreover, the assumption of the Globe-Democrat that opposition to joint statehood has disappeared and that it only existed among the politicians is absolutely untrue. Ninety-five per cent of the people of Arizona—Democrats and Republicans alike—were and are opposed to joint statehood, and will fight it to the last ditch. If the flat has gone forth from Washington that single statehood must come, there are Republican politicians enough in Arizona to tumble into the Washington and wagon and stir up a few Arizona supporters, but the people themselves are solidly arrayed against it.

And if Arizona and New Mexico shall be finally admitted as a single state it will be a political crime for which the national Republican party will be held responsible.

Possibly some attempt will be made to construe the coming Hearst dinner into a Democratic feast. Let no one be fooled by that. Hearst kicked himself out of any tailhold he may have had on the Democracy when he nominated himself for mayor of New York on a ragamuffin ticket, and has confirmed his desertion by his absence from the congressional seat some misguided Democrats presented him. Hearst is a political renegade, a deserter, an outcast, and no Democrat.

A Welsh eisteddfod, or musical festival, is an event greater even than the German songfest, and if the local Welsh colony is given a guarantee in order to secure the presence of eastern choruses we may have in Los Angeles an eisteddfod that will attract the attention of the world. Patriotic capitalists should come forward and extend assistance to Rev. Jones, who has the movement under consideration.

MAYOR FAVORS ISSUE OF BONDS

TO BUILD ADDITION TO CITY JAIL

Plan Outlined Is Barracks in River Bed to Accommodate Number of Chain Gang Prisoners and Prevent Overcrowding.

At a special meeting of the police commission, to be held at the call of the president, the subject of asking the council to call for a vote of \$150,000 bonds to build an addition to the city jail will be discussed and if the proposition is deemed feasible a recommendation will be made to the council.

This was decided at the regular meeting of the police commission held yesterday morning and was the result of a recommendation contained in the annual report of Chief of Police Auble.

Commissioner Mason suggested an idea for the expenditure of this sum, which, with a few modifications, was approved by both Mayor McAleer and Commissioner Mason. The only members of the commission who had sufficient recovered from the effects of Christmas to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Mason's plan is to build corrals in the city parks for the purpose of keeping the chain gang and to use the labor in building boulevards and otherwise improving the parks. Mayor McAleer and Commissioner Mason favored the corrals but declared they should be built in the river bed and the labor employed to sift sand and gravel to sell to street contractors.

Do Not Toss the Baby Tossing a baby is dangerous. Many a child has been attacked with convulsions because of being tossed. Move the baby gently, up and down. It will all in its digestion.

Fur and Gold Lace Some of the plainest pieces of fur are the loveliest, and though quality has nothing to do with the question of trimming. Your most exquisite piece of sable may have its bit of gold braid glinting in among the soft brown hairs, while a much less effective piece may be absolutely untrimmed.

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STUDENT NEWS READERS A professor in Northwestern university has laid it down as an imperative rule for the students in his classes that they shall read the newspapers every day, and thus acquaint themselves with current events. "I shall consider this," he told them, "fully as important as the daily lesson assigned from the text books." There is more in this requirement than might appear at first glance.

SAFEST SEAT IN THE TRAIN Timid persons shun the last car, at least for a week or two after reading about some deadly "rear-end" accident, and the first car from fear of a "head-on" collision. They practice the old maxim, "In the middle you will go safest," and stick to the middle of the train. A "scientific gent" has just demonstrated, after much brow-furrowing calculation, that a seat in the middle of the last car but one is the safest.

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Notes for Women

Fad for Ancestral Jewels Growth of the craze for ancestral jewels makes those who have none most uncomfortable, and they are trying to borrow down the fad. Killian Van Rensselaer of New York used to be at the ceremony when he married Miss Dorothy Mason last week a wedding ring which was used by the first Killian Van Rensselaer when he married Anna Van Weyler in December, 1627.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Only Club Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt has accepted the office of honorary vice president of the state mothers' assembly of New York. In a letter to Mrs. E. H. Merrell of Syracuse, president of the assembly, she said that it was contrary to her custom, but she was glad to accept the office. Mrs. Roosevelt belongs to no club but the Mothers' club.

Blind Hymn Singer Not Needy Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer, says that she is not in distress, having sent a card to that effect, and the so-called autobiographies, for which contributions are asked on that plea, are sold contrary to her desire. She is a very active old lady of 86 years, and every week delivers a lecture in some part of the country. She is in very comfortable circumstances.

Massachusetts Clubs There are 300 clubs in Massachusetts, representing 29,000 women. A conference of presidents was held last week in Boston.

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ESTIMATES COST OF BIG AQUEDUCT

LOS ANGELES WILL EXPEND \$36,824,669

Engineer Frank H. Olmsted Submits Report on Owens River Project. Says Scher's Is in Every Way Feasible

Thirty-six million dollars to bring the Owens river water into Los Angeles is the estimate given by Frank H. Olmsted, the consulting engineer who accompanied the councilman party on its junket into the Owens river valley, in a report which he submitted to the council yesterday. The exact figures are \$36,824,669. This total is reduced, however, by Mr. Olmsted's estimate, figured on a 4 per cent basis that the city will receive an annual net income of \$10,175,000 from the power which it has at its disposal in bringing this vast amount of water into the city.

As these figures were so much in excess of the \$23,000,000 estimated by Mayor Fred Eaton and Superintendent of Water Works Mulholland the council was staggered for a minute, but recovered when a paragraph in the report was read, stating that Mr. Olmsted's figures were based on a larger conduit than Mr. Mulholland had considered and by the further statement that the estimates were only approximate and were made on the prevailing prices of materials. Mr. Olmsted readily admitted that he had made his estimate high, as it was better to be outside the cost than inside.

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HIS MASTER'S VOICE. Victors for New Year's Gifts. In the bustle of the Christmas preparations, may be you overlooked the gift for one of your best friends. Now is the time to buy for New Year's giving, and the place to buy at is Birkel's. Nothing makes a more acceptable gift than a Victor Talking Machine—a mine of music, pleases everybody. Prices from \$17.50 to \$105.00. Purchasable by monthly installments. Nothing to pay down. Just pay for records.

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SLEPT IN THE MORQUE

When the Keepers Objected Mr. Callahan Hit 'Em and Proceeded Not to Be Dead. Special to The Herald.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—James Callahan, employed as a nurse on Randall's Island, after spending a pleasant morning with friends in Harlem, started in search of a resting place to catch a wink of sleep. He wandered into the Harlem morgue at noon and laid down on the floor.

The sleeper was rudely disturbed by John Collins, the morgue keeper, who was surprised to see the form of Callahan stretched at full length on the floor. Collins mistook the sleeping man for a dead body and called for Martin Spellman, the driver of the morgue wagon.

"Did you bring in this body?" asked Collins. "No," replied Spellman, angrily. "That's not a dead one, that's a sleeper."

Callahan then went over and shook Callahan until he was awake. "What are you doing among the dead?" demanded the morgue keeper. "Well, I showed you I'm not a dead one," Callahan replied, as he landed a blow on Collins' nose. Then he wheeled on Spellman and landed on the eye.

Callahan was angry, but Collins and Spellman were determined, and they finally threw him out.

He returned, however, in a minute and was hostilely received. The noise of the encounter, however, had been heard by Policeman Shanley of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station, who was on duty at the Charles pier. He went to the rescue and executed a flank movement, capturing Callahan.

He was taken to the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station and locked up.

WIFE WORTH 33 CENTS WEEK

New Jersey Court Awards Husband That Much for Lost Services of His Better Half. Special to The Herald.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 26.—Deciding that the loss of his wife's services was of little financial gravity, a jury in the supreme court last night returned a verdict awarding Charles Laubenstein \$1 damages in the joint suit brought by himself and Henrietta Laubenstein, his wife, against the North Jersey street railway for \$5,000. The jury decided that Mrs. Laubenstein, because of the injuries she had received in being thrown while alighting from a car near Fairmount cemetery last July was entitled to \$39 damages from the same defendant. The verdict for Mrs. Laubenstein was based on the doctor's bills she claimed she had to pay and the medicine she had purchased. The lack of any decided proof in the testimony to show that she had been sufficiently incapacitated to deprive her husband of her services for the three weeks it was alleged she had been confined to her bed and room, is supposed to have caused the jury to arrive at the award.

TOUGHNESS OF THE ANT

Ants are really very long lived, considering their minuteness. Janet had two queens under observation for ten years, and one of Sir John Lubbock's ant pets lived into her fifteenth year. Ants are very tenacious of life after severe injury. Following loss of the entire abdomen, they sometimes live two weeks, and in one case a headless ant, carefully decapitated by aseptic surgery, lived for forty-one days. A carpenter ant, after being submerged eight days in distilled water, came to life upon being dried, so that they are practically proof against drowning. They can live for long periods without food; in one case the fast lasted nearly nine months before the ant starved to death.—Scientific American.

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