

NEGROITS THE NIGHT OF THE ANNUAL PASADENA BANQUET PROVES SUCCESS

Four Hundred Gather About Festive Board and Listen to Excellent Toast Responses

Special to The Herald. PASADENA, Nov. 26.—Between four and five hundred people gathered last evening in the handsome dining room of the west building of the Hotel Green, the occasion being the annual banquet of the Pasadena Merchants' association. The affair was in point of attendance and general accomplishment a success of anything heretofore attempted by the association and the speeches of the evening were both numerous and at the same time filled with the more serious thoughts which are usually given at the cloth-fives dinners representing different denominations, being on the list of toasts.

Prior to the serving of the dinner there was an informal reception in the vast receiving room of the west building. On the reception committee were Mesdames L. H. Turner, L. E. Jarvis, P. L. Heiss, H. C. Hotaling, J. O. McCament, Fred Nash, Joseph Welsh, D. W. Herlihy, Henry Newby Arthur Wood, W. N. Van Nuy, E. H. May, J. S. Glasscock, W. A. Cundy, E. R. Braley, H. E. Hertel, B. O. Kendall, Ralph Skillen, Nelson March, Kingsley Stevens, E. W. Woodbury, J. Herbert Hall, E. M. Nold, A. J. Bertonneau, D. W. Coledge, E. H. Hotaling and Mrs. George Brenner and Miss Sargent.

It was slightly after 8 o'clock when, to the music of the Hotel Green orchestra, the members of the association and their former folk marched from the spacious rooms of the dining room. It was not until after 10 o'clock that the formal menu had been completed and President C. D. Sargent, of the association, introduced the toastmaster of the evening, the Rev. John A. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes was in fine humor in spite of the fact that he had been ill and was not even then completely recovered. In his responding remarks he had lots of fun at the expense of the gathering and in the course of his five men of the cloth and then he introduced a brother preacher, the Rev. Albert Hatcher Smith, who responded to the toast, "The Ideal Business Man of Pasadena."

With "The Business Man's Tongue" for his toast, the Rev. Frank M. Dowling made one of the most charming talks of the evening, a talk filled to the brim with brilliant ideas and at the same time a plea for honest business representation of wares and conditions.

The last toast of the evening was by means the least for it was left to the Rev. E. L. Waring to make a very pretty compliment to the fair sex and pledged to them long life and happiness in sparkling water, the audience responding by liberal applause and similar pledges.

CROWN CITY WINS ITS SUIT Judge Refuses to Grant Injunction Restraining Spending of Tax Money for Light Plant

Special to The Herald. PASADENA, Nov. 26.—Joy, large, round joy, was depicted on all the faces of the pro-administration people at the city hall late this afternoon when the administration from spending some \$55,000 of the tax fund for the construction of a municipal electric light plant.

Judge James sustains the demurrer of the city from the complaint, vacates the temporary restraining order and refuses to grant a permanent injunction. All this spells victory to the administration, and joy is therefore unconfined.

Some months ago the voters voted in favor of bonds for the construction of a municipal electric light system. This bond issue the Edison people have tied up in the courts. Then J. Perry Wood, the clever young city attorney, came to the front with a brand new plan. His scheme was to add to the current year's taxes a sufficient sum to build a sort of a starter as a plant. This was done by increasing the assessment out of all proportion to what it had ever been before and then seeking on the maximum tax rate allowed by law.

This was the plan the city was attempting to carry out; in fact contracts for the electrical machinery were already in when over fifty taxpayers came upon the scene and started a suit to restrain the city from carrying out the plan. This suit was argued last week and decided today in favor of the administration.

ITALIAN BAND WILL LEAVE Long Beach Musical Organization Not Meeting with Financial Success

Special to The Herald. LONG BEACH, Nov. 26.—Manager Gattone stated today that without doubt the Royal Italian band will be taken from this city within a few weeks. On last Saturday the band played at the dances as well as fallen very low and as the aggregation of musicians is a large and expensive one the manager will take them where they can secure something more substantial than mere sea air.

Gattone says he has several offers under consideration, but that he does not know yet what he will do with his organization.

Various schemes of financing the band have been tried with but indifferent success, although it is generally conceded to be one of the best attractions of the beach. H. M. E. Schroeter, manager of the band, recently volunteered to finance the organization and made a personal solicitation for funds. His effort did not meet with the response desired.

The trustees have under consideration several applications from eastern bands. These organizations are numerous, however, something more staple in the way of a guarantee than has Gattone. The latter's contract will soon expire and he has stated positively that he will not ask for another.

STREW FLOWERS ON OCEAN Eike Will Celebrate Memorial Services at Santa Monica Sunday

Special to The Herald. SANTA MONICA, Nov. 26.—With the strewing of flowers on the waves the annual Memorial day observance of the local lodge of Eikes will be opened next Sunday afternoon on the center of the Horseshoe pier. It is planned to have the resident members of the organization welcome the visiting brethren as well as those living between here and Los Angeles, who will join in the exercises held at the Masonic Temple building on Marine street at 2 o'clock, from where a line of march will be formed.

The procession will then walk out on the pier from the Marine street entrance, stopping in the center to observe the flower strewing exercises and then continuing around the structure and back to the starting place. Inside the temple services of a solemn and impressive nature will be held. The Banda Rosa band has been engaged for the occasion. At the Memorial day services last year more than 600 persons were in attendance, and half as many more were, for lack of room, turned away from the Seaside theater, where the services were held.

WEST LONG BEACH MAN FORFEITS HIS BAIL

Special to The Herald. LONG BEACH, Nov. 26.—Ed Rice, the central figure in the habeas corpus case, the decision of which will be an important matter in the question of jurisdiction over West Long Beach, has disappeared from his home in that section of the city. Although the man has been accounted to absent himself from home occasionally, he has not been seen for some time and his wife told the police yesterday that she thought he had departed for Nevada, not expecting to return.

Rice was arrested recently by Long Beach officers, although conducting a business in West Long Beach, he refused to pay for a business license. He was locked up in the city jail, but was afterward released upon habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Henry Stieglitz, clerk.

Following his release City Attorney Daly of this city entered into certain stipulations with Stieglitz which will make the decision in the case a vital one as concerns the future control of the annexed territory by this city.

The disappearance of Rice is not expected to have much bearing upon the case except that his bond of \$100 will be forfeited. Judge Gray is expected to hand down a decision of the case within a few days.

ANONYMOUS LETTER FRIGHTENS LANDLORD

Special to The Herald. LONG BEACH, Nov. 26.—"If there isn't a for rent card up right away and at a price that will sell or rent at you will wake up some dark night by the light of a bonfire, and the pretty soon. There are a number of people hunting a place to live for there to be so many empty houses around."

Such was in part the note found by Mrs. William Fullager this morning in the letter box on a small vacant cottage near the corner of Elmer street and Atlantic avenue. The note was taken to police headquarters, where it was decided that it was the work of a foreigner. The letter has alarmed Mrs. Fullager considerably, but she does not know whether to take the matter seriously or as a joke. There are enough vacant houses and apartments in the city, it is pointed out, to make the note seem ridiculous and the creation of a joke with or an insane person.

The note begins thus: "Say, you, you have a house on Atl. avenue, it has been an eye sore long enough."

Then after the foregoing warning it continues: "No bluff and the warning means immediate action, either sell or rent the house or wish you had, show your good intention and put up a sign for rent."

ROBBED OF DIAMOND ON ELECTRIC CAR

Special to The Herald. LONG BEACH, Nov. 26.—George M. Roe, an old newspaper man, was robbed of a diamond stud valued at \$100, last night as he was boarding an Alamos car at the Pacific Electric depot to go to his home at 2149 East First street. He was accompanied by his wife. Four men roughly entered the car between them separating them. Mrs. Roe entered the car and seated herself, but her husband was held in a jam upon the steps for fully a minute by the men. His diamond was nipped in this interval. He did not notice his loss until he reached his home. That it was safe a moment before that time he is certain as he fastened it more securely in place as he walked out toward the car.

The four men do not remain upon the car, but suddenly making the discovery, presumably, that the car was not bound for Los Angeles, they left it hurriedly just after Roe had gone to his seat.

GIRLS RUN TOURS FOR SUFFERERS' BENEFIT

Special to The Herald. LONG BEACH, Nov. 26.—Tomorrow afternoon and evening will find the train service of the "Panama-Pacific railroad," the "tours of the world" concern on the pier, in the hands of a bevy of pretty young women. They are members of the Cal. League of the First Congressional Sunday school and all the cash taken in will be applied to the Bixby hotel relief fund.

While tickets to the concession usually sell at 10 cents, they will be sold at 5 cents, the patron feels disposed to pay from the amount up. One of the girls will assume in the ticket office and others will collect the tickets in the car.

Films will be exhibited showing beautiful trips through different sections of the Old World.

Everything you want you will find in the classified page—a modern encyclopedia. One cent a word.

LOPE TO FINISH QUARTER FORWARD ALL-DAY SESSION OF BOARD EXPECTED

Question of Time of Holding Election Not Yet Decided and Freeholders Are Divided on Proposition

Special to The Herald. LONG BEACH, Nov. 26.—It is probable that the new city charter will be completed next Friday. At least the members of the board of freeholders agreed this afternoon to meet next Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock and stay with the instrument until the finishing touches shall have been put to it. It is expected that this will mean an all-day session and will probably cause the work to be pushed well into the small hours of the morning, but the importance of completing the work has impressed itself upon the board and they say that the coming session will be the last in the work of preparation.

The members are still divided on the question of whether the municipal election shall be held in April or not until December. There are many citizens who will vote against the charter if it provides for the early election because they feel that the present board of trustees will not have had a fair show to carry out proposed municipal improvements.

Accordingly the board of freeholders are fearful that the charter will be defeated for this reason and the later election proposition is gaining supporters among them daily. J. A. Miller, secretary of both the board of freeholders and the chamber of commerce; Stephen Townsend and F. A. Crowe have signified their desire for the later election. There is a rumor that certain members of the board favor an early election because they have personal ambitions toward getting some of the new offices provided for in the charter. If the charter provides for the later election it will undoubtedly carry it. There has been a little expression of opinion that the mayor should be given less than \$1800 a year salary, as the charter provides, but this objection is not thought to be a strong one.

One interesting feature of the charter election and one which, it is expected, will cause a heavy vote to be polled will be the submission to the voters of an alternative proposition to allow the sale of liquor to animals. Whether such license shall be issued will be decided by a separate vote and no vote. Otherwise the entire charter will be voted upon as a whole.

The new charter will be presented to the coming legislature at the earliest possible moment.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS FROM ABOUT PASADENA

Special to The Herald. PASADENA, Nov. 26.—For over five hours this afternoon the Consolidated Gas company's entire system was cut off and a vast amount of suffering resulted, as the people had not been notified that the service was to be discontinued. Nor was this state of affairs the fault of the gas company, for its manager did not himself know that the contractors who are connecting up the new gas storage tank chose this particular time for their work.

The United Good Samaritan societies of Pasadena are planning big things for the poor of the city on Thanksgiving day. All day Tuesday and Wednesday contributions will be received at the First Methodist church by the societies, and baskets of good things will be packed for the poor. The high school children are helping out nobly in the good work.

Anton Peters of San Pedro was today fined \$35 for cruelty to animals. Anton admitted that he had worked a horse which had walked on unshod hoofs until the quick of the foot was reached. Anton now says that he will never, no never, work a horse of any kind again so long as he lives. Justice McDonald heard the case, the young man who accidentally shot himself while out hunting yesterday, still clings to life with an almost miraculous hold. The young man is now reported to have rather better than an even chance of recovery, in spite of the fact that his wound was nearly cut in two by the bullet.

BOARD OF TRADE WILL MOVE ON FIRST OF YEAR

Special to The Herald. PASADENA, Nov. 26.—The board of trade this afternoon closed a lease for new quarters at 43 West Colorado street. Just a few doors west of the present rooms. The move will be made about January 1 and the new rooms will be outfitted in a manner more in keeping with the standing of the organization in Pasadena.

In connection with the new location a regular tourist information bureau is to be run under the direction of Secretary D. W. Coledge. The plan is to have handy all sorts of books and pamphlets so that the tourist may obtain reliable information with the minimum of difficulty.

PROMENADE'S COMPLETION WILL BE GALA OCCASION

Special to The Herald. OCEAN PARK, Nov. 26.—The Community league is arranging for a gignante celebration to be held at Ocean Park on the completion of the ocean front cement promenade now under contract to be installed and work on which must be commenced within three weeks. When completed the walk will be slightly more than one mile in length, thirty feet in width and will have cost approximately \$20,000. It is the intention to advertise the event throughout the small towns in Southern California and special excursion rates will be available for those wishing to attend the festivities.

POLICE FIND HORSE WHICH NO ONE CLAIMS

A grey horse attached to a light buggy was found apparently deserted at Second and Broadway last night by a policeman. The animal had been standing in the rain and cold for several hours. It was taken to the central police station, where it was kept for a time in the patrol stables, but as the owner did not call for it, it was sent to the pound.

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CROWN CITY NOW FACING MOST ACUTE FUEL FAMINE

Special to The Herald. PASADENA, Nov. 26.—The largest fuel famine in the history of Pasadena this evening that when they have delivered all of the orders now contracted for coal there will not be a ton in the city outside of the private residences. They also state that they cannot get any more coal from Los Angeles wholesale dealers and that they do not know any other place where they can go to fill the shortage.

Mr. Slaydon says that the supply of wood is almost as low as that of coal and that this means the most acute fuel famine in the history of Pasadena. As Mr. Slaydon is generally recognized as one of the largest as well as the dean of the local fuel men his pessimistic forecast has caused much consternation among the residents of the city.

BENEFIT PROVES GREAT SUCCESS RAIN HAS LITTLE EFFECT ON THE CROWD

Every Number Encored, Until Program Stretches Out an Hour After It Was Planned to Be Concluded

"Cheer up, Mary, don't be sighing, sighing. There's a rainbow in the sky." After the Press club benefit yesterday afternoon at least 1000 persons were whistling and singing this song, the new hit of the Empire City quartet at the Orpheum. It was sung and whistled in the Burbank theater until everyone knew the air and words, and the catchy chorus rang through their heads so that they knew scarcely anything else.

Everyone was pleased with the Empire City quartet, but in this quartet was not especially favored, as everyone was pleased with every other number on the program, and they were many.

In spite of the bad weather, which kept many people at home who had planned to spend the afternoon at the Burbank, more than 1000 people attended, and Oliver Morosco, the manager of the theater, said last night that the benefit performance for the San Francisco sufferers given last spring, when all the theaters combined, it was the best attended benefit performance ever given in a local theater.

Every number on the program was heartily applauded and everyone received an encore. In fact the encores were so numerous that it was nearly 5:30 o'clock when the last number was concluded, although the program had been arranged with a view to finishing at 4:30.

There was not a hitch during the entire afternoon. Several of the numbers had to be put on in a different order from the printed arrangement, but every attraction that was advertised was presented.

As the audience was chiefly composed of women, Jack O'Brien, the pugilist who will fight Tommy Burns Wednesday night, was probably the biggest hit of the program. It was the first time that the majority of the women in the audience had seen a real live prize fighter, and when they discovered that O'Brien was just a man, and a polished and refined man at that, they were so surprised that he easily captivated them. He gave them delightful little thrills which put on a green diamond suit and boxed a round each with three of his sparring partners.

The day's pleasure concluded with a "high jinks" at the Press club, at which all the performers who had helped to make the benefit a success were present, including the male members of the Lombardi Grand Opera company. Signor Antola of this company had rendered two numbers at the performance in the afternoon and had thrilled the audience with the sweetness and power of his rich baritone voice.

The program was as follows: Overture, "Le Freres (Fritz), Burbank Theater orchestra, Julius Bierlich, director.

The Nations, Bobby Brook, lighting artist.

Songs (a) "Little Papoose" (b) "I'd Like to, But I Won't" Marquis Ellis.

Clavier solo, Victor Schertzinger. William solo, Victor Schertzinger, accompanist; Miss Petronella d'Arville, violinist.

Monologue and song, E. E. Lissenden. Harp solo, "Waltz de Concert," Miss Hazel Scherer.

INTERMISSION.

"Italian Night," (Tobani), Burbank Theater orchestra.

Artistic quartet, Jack O'Brien, The Empire City quartet, Cooper Bros., Taylor and Mayo.

Violin solo, Victor Schertzinger. William solo, Victor Schertzinger, accompanist.

Negro dialect reader of Paul Laurence Dunbar's writings, Richard E. Harrison.

Comedian, Signor Antola, of Lombardi Opera company.

Whistling solo, E. Alexander.

Fencing exhibition—E. E. Beris, New York amateur champion, 1904, vs. H. W. Maloney, Maloney's gymnasium, Pasadena, champion Pacific coast, 1906.

C. W. Bachman, stage obligo, Frank Staples, assistant stage director.

CAUGHT WITH SILVERWARE

Three Men Have Suspicious Goods on Their Person When Found by the Police

On suspicion of being crooks and housebreakers, Alfred Porter, Lester Burgess and E. Fernan Pin, a trio of tough looking young men who claimed to hail from San Francisco and San Fernando, were arrested by Police Detectives Roller and Pautz last night.

The men were seen in an alley off of Second street, where they were carrying bundles which they endeavored to protect from the view of others. Noticing their suspicious actions the detectives accosted them, when the three men started to run. They were caught, however, before they had gone far, and articles of some value were found hidden in their pockets and in the packages they carried beneath their coats.

The men had two or three watches, some silver spoons, napkin rings, knives and forks, besides a large number of articles of less value. The police believe that the men are guilty of committing some of the recent burglaries here, as the goods found upon them looking very much like the description of lately reported robberies.

Would Abolish Death Penalty

By Associated Press. PARIS, Nov. 26.—The parliamentary commission to which the question was referred has, by a vote of 3 to 2, reported in favor of the abolishment of the death penalty and the substitution of life imprisonment.

SEASIDE FOR LUXURIES WHERE SOME FRUITS OF OUR PROSPERITY GO

Great Increase of Prodigious Expenditures Shown in Records of the Customs Service—\$40,000,000 a Year for Precious Stones

Special to The Herald. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The theory that the profits of commercial success throughout the United States are turned back immediately into circulation here, so that the terms of diamonds and automobiles, what the total for these and other luxuries amounts to can likewise be estimated from a little further inquiry into some other lines, and is found to aggregate nearly \$40,000,000 a year.

The records of the customs service the other chief items in this lavish outpouring of American money abroad are, approximately, \$40,000,000 for lace, edgings, embroideries and ribbons; about \$7,000,000 for natural feathers; about \$5,000,000 for diamonds; \$5,000,000 for champagne, and other amount reaching into high figures for perfumery, toilet articles, cigars and opium for smoking. Should there be included the value of imported tobacco, of course, above all others, a part of the value of the classes mentioned would be increased to \$125,000,000.

Increase in Expenditures

Whether or not these figures throw an illuminating light upon the increase in prodigious expenditures in this country can best be seen by a comparison with the similar figures of exactly a decade ago. At that time all the items here mentioned aggregated only \$20,000,000. The current year's record is two and one-half times that of ten years back. This proportion of increase runs so steadily, with little real variation in the various lines mentioned, that the growth of luxury which is so gratifying to foreign buyers is shown to have been due to any particular cause or passing fad. Rather has it been merely the evidence of enormous sums of money being sent out of the country to foreign lands for articles entirely outside the usual necessities of life.

The great increase in the importation of diamonds is perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the official record of extravagant spending. It is quite a jump from the 1896 figures of \$7,000,000 to the 1906 total of \$42,000,000. This is a doubling of the precious stones and jewelry. This ten years' record has been one of great variation. When England became embroiled with the South African burghers over the audacious commercial practices of the Uitlanders and the diamond Boer war ensued, diamond importations into this country fell off immensely. After this big slump there was only a slight delay before the trade began to mount up again. It is shown that the record of the proportion by far of the total of forty-odd millions worth of diamonds and jewelry brought in last year represents diamonds imported direct from South Africa or else forwarded from there through French or English houses.

New York's Diamond Trade

New York is, of course, the port at which nearly all this import trade in diamonds and precious stones is handled. Practically 98 per cent of this is done there. The dutiable diamonds—those cut but not yet set—were valued at \$12,827,000 for last year, and \$23,897,000 for the whole country. Uncut and not set stones which are admitted free amounted to \$10,568,084 there, which was all but \$11,000 of the entire value of uncut importations. In uncut precious stones the United States imported \$115,896 worth out of \$126,042, and in the item of diamond cut \$104,953 out of \$133,752. Precious stones which had been cut, but not set, and including natural pearls in this class, amounted to \$4,866,240 out of \$5,252,412 in the record of the entire country in this special class.

It is a somewhat remarkable fact that the diamond trade is limited to so few American ports of entry. As compared with New York's importations of nearly twenty million dollars, Chicago imported direct only \$122,583 worth in this class. San Francisco slightly less, and the only other port which showed figures of appreciable interest was Newport, with \$11,728. Similarly with uncut and uncut stones which come in free, New York's total of over ten millions finds Boston and Baltimore pressing close for second place with less than \$500,000 apiece. Philadelphia's direct importations are only one million dollars total, and Chicago's only half of Philadelphia's. The only other place in the whole list of ports of entry which reported uncut diamonds for free entry was the little border town of Paso del Norte, Tex., which showed up to the worth of \$100,000 on which free entry was claimed because of being uncut. In the class of precious stones cut but not set, Providence, R. I., gave evidence of its large jewelry trade by importing \$217,235 worth of foreign diamonds and the United States in excess of that of any other town outside of New York itself.

Spent for Automobiles

Automobiles have carried away \$5,738,000 in American gold for foreign firms in the period from January 1 to the beginning of the present month, on which \$2,500,000 duty was paid. In this time Americans purchased 1204 machines abroad and paid for them \$4,238,000, exclusive of the separate parts otherwise imported, in addition, and representing the remaining million and a half dollars of the first named amount. This record shows that the country for foreign automobiles has been by any means satisfied as yet, since the fiscal year of 1906 showed a total of only 1108 cars purchased abroad for use in this country. Of these 1039 were brought in at New York and were valued at \$3,967,973 out of the total valuation for the whole country's imports in this class of \$3,844,605. In automobile parts New York took \$240,233 worth out of the total valuation of \$499,534.

How Americans with money to spend have gratified their luxurious tastes in other ways is shown with equally startling increases reported in other lines of goods. For instance, this country spent \$24,922,480 in the past fiscal year for cotton laces, embroideries and edgings, or three times the amount spent in a decade ago when the figures were \$10,578,954. These importations come chiefly from Switzerland, France, Germany and the United Kingdom, fully one-third coming from the first named country almost as much from France and the remainder almost equally from the other two countries. Silk laces and embroideries imported are less nowadays than they were ten

years ago, the total expense of these having fallen off about sixteen per cent. Ribbons of a value of approximately \$2,000,000 were brought in last year, however, chiefly from Switzerland, France and Germany, so that the whole 1906 total of \$6,820,642 was more than double the similar total of ten years back.

\$26,000,000 to Burn in Smoke

Tobacco and cigars aggregated \$26,590,704 last year, as compared with \$18,703,942 ten years ago. Of the current tobacco total fully 95 per cent of the \$6,000,000 worth suitable for cigar wrappers comes from the Netherlands, in transshipment from Sumatra. Of the \$18,000,000 worth of other tobacco nearly all except \$1,000,000 worth from Turkey is imported from Cuba, which country supplies nearly all the \$4,000,000 worth of cigars.

Feathers, natural and artificial, have not increased in use, apparently, in the same degree as other luxuries. For instance, while the beverage made away with \$6,127,062 of the fruits of the American prosperity in the last year, the record of ten years ago showed an expenditure of a little more than half that amount. Feather adornments, however, which cost over \$5,000,000 in 1896, have now shown only the gradual increase which has brought this total up to \$6,988,612. Ninety per cent of the champagne is imported direct from France, and the remainder chiefly from the United Kingdom and Belgium. The feathers are chiefly ostrich feathers of South African origin, which are brought into this country as importations from England, where they were sorted out for the whole world and then transhipped.

Other Luxuries

The use of imported perfumery has almost doubled in ten years, and the cost has now reached \$1,054,426. Opium for smoking costs a quarter of a million dollars more than this total, the expense having almost doubled since 1896. All these figures show how the taste for luxury has grown, and how American money has been sent abroad to gratify it. The huge expenditures for diamonds attract especial attention, of course, above all others. A part of the cost attaching to the cut stones, especially those coming from Netherlands and France, represents value added by labor in those countries. Considerably more than one-half the importations of diamonds are of the one-third of the total those from Belgium come in an uncut state.

Gerhart is well known in Los Angeles and earlier in his life is said to have been one of the foremost business men of this city. He was well-to-do until a few months ago when he organized the Los Angeles Coffin company and sunk thousands of dollars in the enterprise.

Accuses Partner

The trouble between Gerhart and Green which led to the stabbing affair yesterday afternoon is said by Gerhart to have been caused by Green's attempt to fleece him out of several hundred dollars which he had invested in the real estate business conducted by Green.

Gerhart says he put \$500 in the business and his good will. At this Green offered to buy him \$125 for his share. He refused the offer saying he could not afford to lose the amount he put into the business. Green then agreed to give him a lot in Kansas.

After making inquiries he was informed that the property was all right, and told Green he would accept his offer. Later, however, he says he discovered that the lot was really of almost no worth at all.

"Yesterday I went to Green's office in the effort to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of things," said Mr. Gerhart. "During the argument that ensued both of us became angry and I told Green that he was trying to cheat me. He made a quick grasp at his trousers pocket and I thought he was reaching for his gun. He came at me, threw me over a table and I struck him by the throat. In sheer desperation to save myself, I pulled a small pen knife and stabbed Green in the left side."

The police say that Green is a bad character and are inclined to accept Gerhart's story of the trouble.

DRINKS TO BE A GOOD FELLOW

Irishman Finds Himself in Jail After but Four Hours of Freedom

Pat Burns, a good-natured Irishman who made no effort to conceal his nationality, was released from the city jail about 10 o'clock last night upon payment of his bail and after having spent about four hours in the tank on a charge of drunkenness.

Election drinks were too alluring, though, and regardless of his strenuous protests that he "would never teach a drop of whiskey to any man again, sir," he was back in the cell before the clock had struck the midnight hour. He was whooping it up for "Dock" Lindley with all his heart and Erin brogue.

"I tell ye what it is, byes," he said apologetically when he was taken to become a teetotaler was alluded to, "I didn't want to discourage de byes wot's runnin' fer office by refusin' to drink wid 'em—an', he, I guess I was too incuragin'."

SELECT JURORS IN BURNHAM TRIAL

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Eight jurors were secured today in the criminal branch of the supreme court for the trial of George Burnham Jr., counsel for the Mutual Reserve Insurance company.

Burnham's brother, Frederick A., president of the company, and Vice President George D. Ellridge, were jointly indicted for grand larceny.

When adjournment was taken until tomorrow the district attorney's office sought to have Burnham committed to the Tombs.

This was vigorously opposed by the prisoner's counsel, who finally agreed in the absence of Burnham's bondsman to assume the responsibility of producing his client in court tomorrow.

The court consented to this arrangement.

MAYOR BAILS OUT OLD FRIEND PUTS UP CASH FOR MAN IN JAIL

Prisoner Is Accused of Stabbing Real Estate Man, but Says It Was Done in Self Defense

H. B. Gerhart, the old man who was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of stabbing D. M. Green, a real estate operator at the office of the latter, 355 South Hill street, was released early last night when Mayor Owen McAleer paid \$60 bail for Gerhart's appearance in police court.

Mr. Gerhart is an old friend of the mayor's, and when the news of his trouble was conveyed to Mr. McAleer he at once secured his release.

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