

HEWITT TELLS CIVIC BODIES TO LEND AID TO CONSOLIDATION SCHEME IN JEOPARDY

Supreme Court Willing to Give Early Hearing to Test Sufficiency of Law Bearing on Annexation

City Attorney Leslie R. Hewitt, just back from a visit to Sacramento and San Francisco, sounds a note of warning to the business men of Los Angeles that measures affecting the welfare of the southern section of the state are in jeopardy in the legislature.

He thinks a meeting of all business bodies should be called at once to send representatives north to impress on the legislators the unanimity of the demand for the consolidation which will benefit the Owens river aqueduct project and annexation between Los Angeles and San Pedro.

"I find that conditions in Sacramento render it necessary that Los Angeles should make its wants known in a very decided fashion," said Mr. Hewitt last night. "Its relations to the consolidation movement should be made clear and emphatic at once."

"Senator Savage is opposing consolidation, and by way of compromise has proposed certain conditions which render it very difficult to accomplish consolidation unless the terms in a certain sense are modified."

"The consolidation commission needs bolstering up. The entire business community should line up to help the movement. To my mind all the business and civic bodies should unite to make an impression at Sacramento and show just what San Pedro and Los Angeles want."

"Lack of information may to some extent cloud the prospects, but the enemies of the city are opposing it, led by Senator Savage as the chief active opponent."

"Unfortunately the Broughton county division bill is being pushed and it is exciting opposition to the other legislation. It lines up our opponents on a flimsy basis. Los Angeles and San Pedro are being coupled as twin sisters, and in the eyes of some San Pedro and the county division act are cut out of the same cloth. These arguments I think are proving effective in injuring our cause."

Supreme Court Willing

"While north I went to see Chief Justice Beatty of the supreme court at San Francisco with reference to bringing an early proceeding to test the sufficiency of the present consolidation law, Mr. Haas of the commission went with me and assisted in impressing Justice Beatty with the importance of the situation. He gave us much encouragement that the supreme court would consider such a matter on a reasonable application. I left convinced that the supreme court would entertain such an application by next week."

"We shall probably ask the council to postpone the date of the San Pedro election from March 14 to March 28, thus giving us two weeks more time."

"To my own satisfaction the questions involved in the consolidation scheme at present are so serious that the law should be tested before the election rather than have the delay afterwards. It seems to be the popular wish that this be done now, so that we may know whether we are on safe ground or on no ground at all. We can then find it out very quickly. We can go before the court on a writ of mandate compelling the giving of notice of the election."

Counsel Can Postpone

"Some one else must begin the suit against the city clerk before February 12. The council can meanwhile pass an ordinance delaying the election."

SILVER GREY FOX PET OF PATROLMEN

The silver gray fox which wandered into the yard of Mrs. M. McKay a week ago is now at the central police station where he is occupying a place of honor in the kennel, a pet of the trustees and a thing of curiosity to the patrolmen.

The animal was taken to the station yesterday afternoon by Patrolmen Allen and Busse. It was secured on a writ of replevin, sworn to by W. P. McArthur, 424 South Workman street. McArthur asserts he is the owner of the fox, and says it was sent him from Arizona nearly a year ago.

McArthur told the prosecuting attorney when he applied for the writ that he had called on Mrs. McKay, but the woman refused to allow him to see the fox. Later, he says, he called a second time and Mrs. McKay told him the rightful owner of the animal had appeared and promised her \$5 for the care she had given the fox.

Allen and Busse experienced no difficulty in getting possession of the animal, Mrs. McKay simply stating she did not wish to allow it to leave her care until she was sure its rightful owner would get it.

STUDENTS TOLD OF RUSSIAN PUPILS ARE TAUGHT TO SPY ON COMPANIONS

Historians Are Censored and the Word "Liberty" Cut Out of All School Books—They Become Nihilists

With their words of farewell yet unspoken the senior A class of the Los Angeles high school was made to realize more fully the advantages of education than they have received by comparison with the educational facilities of Russia. Leon Album, a Russian journalist, who is traveling all over the United States, writing and lecturing on his native land, addressed the class yesterday afternoon.

The lecture before the high school students followed a week of investigation by the journalist of the school's methods of instruction. What he saw convinced him that the local school was doing splendid work, and in a brief address he compared their advantages with those of his native country.

"You Americans are taught freedom and how to tell the truth. In Russia we are taught to tell lies and are kept in darkness by those who should lead us to the light. Our histories are carefully censored books from which the government blue pencil has stricken out every allusion to individual liberty, and the best in the country, where we are compelled to receive a classical education, the program of which is copied from Germany or France, the same program our grandfathers, Peter the Great, made in 1804, whether it be adapted to the needs of the pupil or not."

Taught to Tell Lies

"You come from your happy homes, and go back when you are through, free men and women. The Russian pupil leaves his home forever and marches from the school to Siberia, a Nihilist; for 30 per cent of the students who get an education leave their amendment to take the law into their own hands, leaving the power that binds them down."

"Of the 130,000,000 people in Russia only 3,500,000 receive an education. The Russian peasants are passionately fond of an education and they bend every nerve to have one of their children educated in Switzerland, or one of the European countries. When the student returns to his home he is far beyond his less fortunate brothers and sisters."

"But the crowning difference in the educational systems of the two countries comes at the close of the course. When you have completed your course the teacher enters your record of 'scholarship and behavior.' In Russia the record is made out on 'behavior and scholarship.' If a student has been a good scholar—by which the teacher means one who has spied on his fellows and told when he has seen them ready to have one of their children thought literature—he is rated highly, regardless of scholarship; while the more brilliant pupil who has refused to play the spy on his companions is given a low grade."

SUES AGED MOTHER TO RECOVER MONEY

J. A. Baxter, a rancher living near Monrovia, yesterday began suit for recovery of \$900 which he alleges he loaned his aged mother and which she failed to pay back.

Mrs. E. M. Baxter is over 80 years of age and so feeble that she can hardly walk.

FEBRUARY TRADE SALES

1.50 for \$2 16-Button Silk Gloves. Best Milanese silk and are in black and white, also light blue, light pink, tan, brown, red, green and gray; have two clasps at wrist, finished with three rows embroidery stitching to match on back; double tipped fingers; very durable.

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1.98 FOR \$2.50 PETTICOATS. Are made of an exceptionally fine quality heather-wool saten, are in plain black, black and white and neat striped patterns; made with very deep ruffled and plaited flounces; specially priced for Wednesday only; heather-wool as closely resembles silk as any material that is made; will give the very best service without splitting or cutting.

Trade Sale Newest Dress Weaves Advance Shipments at Very Low Prices

The very newest and prettiest of the popular spring weaves; our buyer who has been in the east for several weeks is forwarding his purchases as fast as possible; aside from the items mentioned in this ad. there will be many other new things in the best of the spring weaves and color combinations.

Trade Sale Boys' Clothing. \$2.45 for Boys' Suits Worth to \$4.50. \$50c for Boys' Pants Worth 75c. \$50c for Boys' Waists and Blouses Worth to \$1.00.

Dressmakers' Findings. 11c For silk-covered featherbone, all colors, worth 15c. 25c For 8 spools best 6-cord sewing thread, black and white, worth 4c each. 3c For spool best quality basting thread, 500 yards to spool. 1c For package good quality brass pins, needle pointed, full count, worth 2 1/2c.

Dress Skirts \$6.50 WORTH TO \$10, AT. These garments are made of a splendid quality material and come in handsome plaids and checks; are in the newest color combinations; cut very full and flaring and finished with pleats and tailored straps in fancy designs.

OFFICIALS CHECK OWENS OUTLAY. NON-PARTISANS' INQUIRIES ANSWERED. City Attorney Declares Pending Amendments Will Not Hurt Sale of Aqueduct Bonds—Funds All Safeguarded.

COMMITTEE WILL GO TO SACRAMENTO. Members of Consolidation Commission and Delegates from Civic Bodies Will Lobby for Important Bill.

ELECT BOARD FOR GOOD SAMARITAN. Annual Report of Hospital Shows 1232 Patients Treated, of Which 157 Were Given Free Attendance.

WORKERS SUE CONTRACTOR FOR ALLEGED DAMAGES. Joint suits aggregating \$25,258 were filed against contractor James F. Torrance by Ira C. Ickner and C. W. Stehler of the Iron City contractor yesterday.

PATROLMAN GETS BOARD WHITEWASH. The police board finally reinstated T. M. Krstovich as patrolman yesterday, and five minutes later accepted his resignation from the force.

GARDENA LOSES ITS CONSTABLE. Gardena must get along without the services of its former constable, Joseph Gillespie.

LIBRARY EMPLOYEES GET CONCESSIONS. The civil service commission spent an hour yesterday listening to arguments and explanations from Librarian Charles F. Lummis and the public library senate concerning the examinations for different grades among employees.

MISSING REALTY DEALER IS FOUND IN MEXICO. Information has been received by the local police that J. E. Walker, the real estate dealer formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, who disappeared so mysteriously in January, has been located in Mexico.

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