

COMMISSIONS WHERE THE FAULT LIES Plays the Enemies of Consolidation

Southern Pacific's Handwork in Devising Greater Los Angeles Expended—Expenses Stop April 1

The consolidation commission delivered its valedictory last night in an official statement and bared its teeth and unsheathed its claws at the enemies that have defeated its ends for the time. The statement was as follows:

I report heretofore rendered your honorable body on the 13th day of August, 1906, by the consolidation commission of the city and county of Los Angeles the advantages of consolidation were set forth. That report, it will be remembered, was divided into two sections, first, a general plan showing what it was hoped would be ultimately accomplished in the formation of a city and county consolidated government; second, a plan showing what it was considered advisable to do without delay as a stepping stone to the ultimate object sought. We urged that consolidation of city and county governments would bring about a great reduction of taxes on account of the change from a dual system of government to one managed by a single set of officers. It was generally conceded that two sets of officers performing practically the same duties, such as two assessors, two tax collectors, two auditors, etc., was unnecessary. The sentiment of the city of Los Angeles has been practically unanimous in favor of consolidation of these various offices. The residents of Pasadena have evinced no disposition to obviate the unnecessary expense of our cumbersome system of city and county government, but, on the contrary, actively opposed a necessary constitutional amendment permitting consolidation. The voters of Long Beach indicated by the adoption of a freeholders' charter that they did not desire consolidation.

Results of Early Investigation In the early investigations of the commission it was deemed advisable for the cities of San Pedro, Wilmington and Los Angeles to become one great municipality, so that the harbor could be controlled and developed by one consolidated city with its increased prestige and influence. The consolidated city could secure numerous improvements for the harbor, such as fortifications, the building of dry docks, new dredging, erection of wharves and other betterments designed to make San Pedro one of the world's great ports of entry. The commission therefore in its first report to your honorable body recommended that the territory lying between Los Angeles and Wilmington and San Pedro be annexed to the city of Los Angeles to the end that consolidation of the cities of San Pedro and Wilmington may be had with the city of Los Angeles. Pursuant to this recommendation the necessary territory was annexed to the city of Los Angeles and the cities of Wilmington and San Pedro and Los Angeles are now contiguous.

After this annexation the present consolidation act was found to be defective in many particulars and it was doubtful if the city of Los Angeles, having a freeholders' charter, could consolidate with the city of San Pedro—a city of the sixth class. Thereupon the law committee of the consolidation commission and the city attorney of Los Angeles prepared an act correcting the deficiencies in the existing law. The people were safeguarded therein by a provision requiring a majority vote in each city in favor of the proposition. The people of Los Angeles, the city council of the city of Los Angeles, the board of supervisors of Los Angeles county, the Merchants and Manufacturers' association, the chamber of commerce and the press of Los Angeles. Notwithstanding this strong endorsement of the measure Senator Savage was instrumental in having the bill referred to the committee on municipal corporations, of which he was chairman, and there caused it to be mutilated so that it would not accomplish the desired purpose. The commission believes that in so doing he was aiding and abetting the plans and purposes of the Southern Pacific Railway company. The press and people generally entertain the same view.

Power of Southern Pacific It is unfortunate that any corporation should have the power attributed to the Southern Pacific Railway company to thwart the will of the people by controlling legislation, but this adverse influence is the obstacle which has confronted the consolidation commission from the beginning. It is charged that the Southern Pacific Railway company is interested in the upbuilding of the port of San Francisco alone at the expense of all other California ports, and does not desire to have San Pedro progress as a port of entry. The actions of the company regarding San Pedro harbor have shown its intentions to retard the advancement of that city for the past quarter of a century; in fact, ever since it acquired the line to San Pedro as a gift from the people, it has failed to assist in any way the upbuilding of this port. Its improvements and betterments in San Pedro are trifling and of little value, and it will be recalled that this company opposed the appropriations of \$3,000,000 for this harbor with every means within its power. Touching the situation in Sacramento we refer to an Associated Press dispatch, which reports Judge Post of the superior court of Sacramento county, while assisting in investigating certain phases of recent legislation, is using the following language in addressing the grand jury of that county on the 11th day of March, 1907:

"If the declarations made by Mr. Hutton and others alleged to represent the Southern Pacific Railroad company are true, that that corporation and its representatives command and control a sufficient number of votes in the legislature to pass or defeat bills at will, it is a startling condition of affairs and marks the destruction of popular government in this state."

Credit for Press The commission desires to give credit to the press of Los Angeles, the San Pedro Times and the Wilmington Gazette for their hearty support of the measures inaugurated by the commission. In view of the foregoing the commission begs to reiterate that consolidation with the harbor cities cannot be accomplished until a legislature which is not dominated by railroad interests shall convene at the state capital and one which will respond to the appetites of the people.

The commission wishes to say further that during the year of its existence its members have labored together in harmony and have been unanimous in the approval of all matters to which public utterance had been given by the commission and its officers. Having accomplished all that is possible toward consolidation at this time, in the interests of economy we would respectfully recommend that all expense be discontinued on April 1, 1907, and until such time as it may be advisable for the commission to resume its labors. Consolidation Commission of the City and County of Los Angeles. By S. A. BUTLER, President. A. P. FLEMING, Secretary.

AUTOMOBILE IS WRECKED BY CAR

BUSINESS MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Valuable Touring Car Smashed in an Accident at Fifty-third and Main Streets—Owner Blames Company

Wilmer W. Pedder, a real estate dealer with offices at 320 Severance building, narrowly escaped death yesterday afternoon when his touring car No. 7181 was run into by a Scot park car No. 23, under charge of Motorman H. Roach, at Fifty-third and Main streets, pitching Mr. Pedder to the ground. The right rear wheel of the auto was torn off and the machine was otherwise damaged. "I was driving my car at a medium rate of speed," said Mr. Pedder last night when speaking of the accident. "When the car struck me it was going at a high rate. The motorman, who impressed me as a green hand, made no effort to stop his car. This fact I learned from three passengers on the car, whose names I succeeded in getting. "The car was equipped with an old-fashioned brake and I suppose had the motorman applied it he would have been unable to stop in time to prevent the accident. Had the car been properly equipped with an air brake the accident might have been averted. "I blame the company for the accident, as I was going at only a medium speed and was taking due care when I was struck. "I had run my machine on to Main street from Fifty-third and was going north on the right hand side of the street. The car struck my machine before I had advanced ten feet. "The motorman refused at first to give his name, but I afterward obtained it. "All the passengers on the car whom I spoke to agreed with me that the accident was the fault of the motorman. They said Roach was greatly excited and appeared to lose his head when the accident occurred. "The railway officials refused to give out any statement.

NORMAL DEAL STARTS PROTEST

Property Owners Object to Repaving Fifth Street Until Future of the Institution is Definitely Settled

President Millsbaugh of the state normal school and property owner on Fifth street have filed a protest with the city clerk against the repaving of Fifth street. Various realty firms, acting for themselves and clients, have joined in the protest. It is claimed that there is too much uncertainty about what will be done with the street to warrant such improvement. With negotiations for the sale of the normal school and talk of cutting Fifth street through it is deemed inappropriate to pave the street just now by those who are heading the opposition movement.

EIGHTY ANXIOUS TO WEAR STARS

Would Be Policemen Undergo Physical Examinations at Turner Hall Under Civil Service Auspices

The first batch of the eighty prospective policemen who are taking their civil service examinations presented themselves yesterday morning at Turner hall to undergo the physical tests. About thirty were on hand. The rest will report for inspection and testing today. The men undergo all sorts of trials, including bicycle riding and sprinting, to see how they can qualify for athletic duties. They are also quizzed as to knowledge of duties required of patrolmen. Today also mental examinations will be held at the Grand avenue school. A number of policemen have resigned to take more lucrative jobs and in July it is understood many will be found to increase the force, hence those who are taking the examinations will not be obliged to wait long.

BOYS CHARGED WITH THEFT OF WHISKY

Dan Dillon, J. Villard and J. Tots, young men, were arrested early yesterday morning on Central avenue by Sergeant Long and booked on suspicion. The boys are said to have stolen a quart bottle of whisky from John Maek's saloon. The bottle was recovered with about half a pint of the whisky. The greater part of the liquor had been consumed. A charge of petit larceny will be preferred against the boys.

GLORY CLOSER IN BLAZE OF GLORY

LAST TWO PERFORMANCES TO BE GIVEN TODAY

"La Gioconda" for the Matinee and a Splendid Mixed Bill, with All the Stars Singing, for the Finale Tonight

The San Carlo opera season—the best Los Angeles ever had—will close in the traditional blaze of glory tonight with a mixed bill, including three scenes from as many operas. This afternoon "La Gioconda" which was the opening bill in the Auditorium with Deyneva as the prima donna and all the leading men in their several best parts. This evening, therefore, ought to prove one of the most unique and acceptable affairs of the season. The sale for both events has been heavy, the matinee being practically closed out. In presario Russell said last night that the financial status of the engagement was not such as he could have wished, but was all that he hoped after seeing how conditions were. "We will probably cover our present expenses out of our Los Angeles receipts and that is all," said he. "We will lose our pro rata of general expense apportioned to Los Angeles. "Will you come back next year?" "Come back? By all means. We will return and we will sing in this beautiful theater, the next I know anywhere."

Last night a double bill was presented with two acts of "Don Pasquale" with Nielsen as the first part, and "Pagliacci" as the second. It was rather an off night and neither event justified the superlatives which have been so overworked for two weeks ago. Nielsen was delightful, of course, as Norina, and Fornari as Malatesta was fine. The rest were fair. In "Pagliacci" Deyneva sang well and Nedda role, but Buschetti was not equal to Canio. He was nervous, and the celebrated lament was passed without an encore—something almost unprecedented. Galperini as Tonio was splendid and his prologue was demanded all over again.

RETIRED MERCHANT CANNOT BE FOUND

HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Money Deposited to His Account Has Been Drawn Out Since That Date, but a Little Is Left

H. A. Sinclair, 50 years of age, a retired merchant, has disappeared from his home at 614 West 11th street, 26, last year, but it has been learned that checks were drawn on his account on the Farmers and Merchants bank in Los Angeles as late as January 16. On that date there was a balance of \$30 remaining to Mr. Sinclair's account in the Farmers and Merchants bank, but the man was known to have money deposited in other banks in the city. Since Mr. Sinclair disappeared a large number of letters have come to his former address. Several of these are thought to contain money, as he was known to own property in other cities from which these letters have come. No cause can be assigned for Mr. Sinclair leaving his residence, as he had never given any intimation of such an intention. He was known to be wealthy and to be in the best of health. His friends fear some harm must have befallen the man, and say they intend to engage the service of private detectives to gain some clue to his present whereabouts.

AUDITOR CHECKS COUNCIL'S GENEROSITY TO FIESTA

City Auditor Mueshet has refused to O. K. the city's appropriation for the Fiesta committee on the ground that it was illegal. Furthermore, it was voted by resolution instead of by ordinance. The city's donations to such a cause are limited. So far \$150 has been set aside for the April day committee, \$300 for the Fourth of July celebration committee, and recently \$2500 was laid aside to build the tribune or reviewing stand next door to the city hall. The additional gift, the auditor thinks, exceeds the legal limit.

J. P. MORGAN CAN HAVE HIS PENNY

ALBANY, March 15.—If J. Pierpont Morgan of Broad and Wall streets will acknowledge the letter sent him by State Treasurer Hauser he can make 1 cent. Mr. Morgan recently sent his check for \$123.23 to the state comptroller in payment of taxes on land he owns in the Adirondaeks. The routine of checking up his obligation brought to light the fact that Mr. Morgan only owed \$123.23. The comptroller notified the state treasurer and the latter sent Mr. Morgan a letter advising him of the fact. As soon as Mr. Morgan replies the state treasurer will send him a check five inches long by two inches deep for the sum of 1 cent.

How to Remain Young

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga., did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as a beet. I am now practically 20 years younger than I was. I can do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at DEAN DRUG CO. Price 50c.

RUNAWAY IS RETURNED TO DETENTION HOME

Earl King, the ten-year-old boy who ran away from the Pasadena detention home last Monday, was arrested last night in Los Angeles. The boy was taken to the detention home and will be sent to Pasadena today. Earl had heard about the hard times the other boys had who have run away, but this did not deter him. He said he was tired of being copped up in the home and wanted to get out and see what the world looked like. The boy claimed he had a good time and was ready to go back to the home and behave himself.

SACRAMENTO WOULD FAVOR SEPARATION

DELEGATES ARE SURPRISED AT STRONG SENTIMENT

More Anxious, However, to Learn Southern California's Opinion on Moving the Capital to Berkeley

"The people of Southern California can rest assured that the residents of the Sacramento valley will be in a receptive mood when the subject of state division is brought up for serious consideration," said Dan W. Carmichael, the well known Democratic politician of Sacramento, at the Westminister hotel last night, and the sentiment was seconded by W. A. Beard of Sacramento, chairman of the executive committee of the National Irrigation congress. "To tell the truth, however," continued Mr. Carmichael, "the subject of state division has not been discussed at all in our section of the state, and we were much surprised to find that there is such a strong sentiment in the south for the creation of the state of Southern California. "Since our party reached Los Angeles and have seen that the question is a very live one as far as the south is concerned, the idea has been casually discussed. I have heard more expressions opposed to the plan, but in all the delegation I am confident that you will find no one who will declare himself an advocate of division, simply because it has not been given serious thought. "Without considering other phases which might be ground for favoring or opposing the proposition I should say that the idea of securing for the coast two more representatives in the upper house of congress might have considerable weight with the people of the northern section of the state in forming their opinion as to the advisability of dividing the state. "However, we must wait until you present arguments in your behalf, when, as I have said, the people of the Sacramento valley will be found to be in a receptive mood. "The visitors were much more anxious to learn the sentiment of the south regarding capital removal than they were to discuss state division, and they expressed themselves as highly pleased when informed that the general feeling in the south was that the capital removal agitation was started by railroad interests as a rebuke to Sacramento for the overwhelming vote against the Republican ticket in the state election; that it was a real estate boom proposition as far as Berkeley is concerned, and that the south, in expectation of sooner or later having a capital of its own, would be opposed to having said city upon Southern California. The burden of several million dollars for the sole benefit of the north.

BOY INJURED BY RUNAWAY HORSE BECOMES FRIGHTENED AT TOOTING OF Automobile Horn and Creates Excitement on Main Street

L. N. Kirshner, 14 years of age, a delivery boy, was knocked from his bicycle by a runaway early yesterday afternoon and suffered a severe laceration of his scalp. He was taken to the receiving hospital, where his injuries were dressed and he was then allowed to return to his home. The runaway which did the damage was a single horse hitched to a buggy. The animal is said to be owned by G. L. Hartmann of Boyle Heights. The horse became frightened at the tooting of an automobile horn at Fourth and Main streets and ran north on Main to Second, where it was stopped by James Stanton of West Eleventh street.

EDUCATORS MEET SECOND TIME IN LOS ANGELES

For the second time the annual meeting of the National Educational association will be held in Los Angeles this summer. The convention will meet from July 8 to 12. The gathering is the most important event of the year in the educational world, and several thousand teachers, school superintendents, college presidents and professors will visit the city. All the railroads are making rates of half fare and a record crowd is expected. A stay of sixty days is allowed on all special tickets, and the number of summer residents of Los Angeles will be largely increased. After the Shriners' convention the annual conference of German Baptist Brethren will be held in Los Angeles, from May 29 to 31. For both these meetings reduced rates have also been made on all railroads. The railroads have made liberal allowances for stopovers, and all the excursions, both going to and coming from California, will permit of diverse routes.

BUILDING PERMITS

Following are the permits issued from the building superintendent's office Friday, and classified according to wards: First ward ..... Permits, Value, \$1,200.00 Second ward ..... 4 565 Third ward ..... 5 8,490 Fourth ward ..... 2 7,725 Fifth ward ..... 9 15,550 Sixth ward ..... 12 11,120 Seventh ward ..... 1 2,071 Eighth ward ..... 1 1,390 Ninth ward ..... 2 1,390 Totals ..... 4 46,871

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Cedar Valley Syndicate company—Directors: J. W. Young, A. L. Farley, W. J. Macdonald, F. G. Farley, G. A. Hart. Capital stock \$50,000, of which \$5 has been subscribed.

DEPARTMENT STORE FORMALLY OPENS

Le Sage Bros.' Bon Marche Promises to Be a Prominent Feature in the Los Angeles Mercantile World

To the proprietors of the Bon Marche, Le Sage Bros. company's big department store, which was opened yesterday, greetings came from many sources, and among the most interesting of these was one from Joe Mesmer in far away Paris. Mr. Mesmer is the oldest shoe man in Los Angeles, and when Le Sage brothers were boys they worked in his store. Now he has retired from active business and is touring Europe seeking well earned rest and pleasure. Mr. Mesmer wrote that he had just visited the Bon Marche in Paris and wanted to extend a wish on the opening day that the Bon Marche in Los Angeles may enjoy success as great as the French store. Housewives of Los Angeles were guests yesterday in the large store, and they all went away feeling that they had been royally entertained. Flowers, music and dainty light refreshments helped to make the affair a success, and the entire force of the store appeared in their best and constituted themselves a reception committee. Under the direction of the decorator, F. W. Kline of Atlanta, Ga., thousands of blossoms and yards and yards of asparagus plumosus were utilized in an attractive decorative scheme. The store is especially light and airy and the greenery was festooned from the large white pillars. Each department appeared more attractive than the one seen before. Nothing was sold, but the finest things in the house were displayed in an artistic way that gave the women a chance to learn what they may expect. The force of department managers includes many young men who have made rapid strides toward success in the department store world. Harry F. Fink, Charles Widney and B. Baskett are three of the local men in charge of departments, and among those from the east are C. J. Adams of New York, F. W. Jones of Marshall Field's, Chicago, and J. M. Armstrong of New York. Louis Le Sage and his brother, Henry Le Sage, have been in the shoe business in Los Angeles for the last twenty years, and their father before them was in the mercantile business. They are self-made men and have grown up with Los Angeles. Robert A. Reed was before coming to Los Angeles and is prominently known throughout the west. Oscar M. Souden and Lucius T. Roberts of St. Louis are two of the directors, and they are both men of experience in their line. Everyone has been predicting that it would be impossible to open the store on the date set, but when the doors were opened at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon all these predictions were disproved. This morning the store will open for active business.

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