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Flowers and flags.

Abas the bunting; use flowers and flags.

Now let the lumber price come tumbling down.

Flowers and flags, and nothing else; these will delight the Shriners.

God has given us the flowers; let us give them to the Shriners freely.

With flower-lined streets Los Angeles will welcome the desert-weary Shriners.

Clean up Los Angeles this week and try the experiment of keeping it clean.

This is the land of flowers; adopt the blossoms as the Shriners decorations.

No bedraggled rags; festoon the buildings with flowers, and make the visitors stare.

Garland the streets with flowers and make this the most beautiful city on earth.

Even a \$1 reduction in the price per 1000 feet of lumber is thankfully received.

Flowers and flags are both gay and patriotic. Use them for the Shriners displays.

Flowers and flags and lights; these will make the greatest decorations a city ever put up.

Flower-decked streets will be the greatest advertisement Los Angeles can get from the Shriners.

This is the city of La Fiesta de los Flores. See that the flowers have their rightful place in it.

Hang the flowers on all the downtown buildings, and the world will stop in amazement at their beauty.

It is up to the merchants; they can make Los Angeles the most talked of city on earth if they will try.

Every shop front can be made a hanging garden with almost no cost. Try the idea on your own store front.

Fill the streets with music and deck the buildings with flowers. Then will the Shriners sit up and take notice.

Flowers cost nothing and are the most beautiful decorative material imaginable. Try the scheme on your own store front.

Palms and flowers, green boughs and bright blossoms; the easterners will stare if Los Angeles' streets are lined with them.

Let those who have flowers offer them for decorative purposes; let those who need them accept them. Then the plan is done.

What could be more grateful after crossing the burning sands than to come into a city whose streets were lined with flowers?

A reduction of \$1 per 1000 feet in the price of lumber is announced—thanks to a reduction in freight rate, and no thanks to the lumber trust.

Every cross roads country town can use bunting; only one city on earth can garland its streets with flowers. Get busy and plan your display.

The biggest department stores in town have adopted the flower decorative plan and they generally know a good thing. Now let the smaller dealers fall in line.

The one Shriners plan that has drawn forth no knocks and only praise is the suggestion of flowers for decorations. Send in your name to the committee as one of the supporters.

With a street car line up Indiana avenue, via the Euclid avenue cars, for which a franchise was granted yesterday, there will be renewed "doings" in the Euclid Heights district.

If Col. Henry Watterson is waging 100 to 1 that Governor Hughes will succeed Roosevelt as president it just shows that the colonel has become a piker. No expert, as the colonel well knows, puts money on a dark horse.

The selection of Mr. F. W. Blanchard as chairman of the special committee to advise as to floral decorations for the Shriners is admirable. He knows; he is a beauty enthusiast, and his word will be invaluable. No better man could have been chosen.

AVENUES OF FLOWERS

The Herald's suggestion of a profuse floral decoration of Los Angeles' thoroughfares during the Fiesta days is recognized by all citizens as an admirable idea. The only question raised concerning it is that of ability to introduce it in the brief time remaining. That question would seem formidable if it related to any other city than Los Angeles.

In the two weeks available for preparation the leading streets can be converted into embowered floral avenues, and they can be thus maintained throughout the days of the Fiesta.

How? Let occupants of buildings on those streets join hands with the Fiesta managers in a comprehensive plan of floral decoration for all premises.

Add to that the Herald's further suggestion of decorating everything in sight that may be beautified by flowers. But how about the vast supplies necessary for the purpose?

Trumpet the news to every home in Los Angeles that the Fiesta de los Flores is to be arrayed in a manner befitting its name.

Invoke the civic pride of the community by a request for flowers—more flowers, all the flowers procurable—to make the floral display the grandest of its kind ever seen on earth. Flash the request also to the neighboring cities, towns, hamlets and the rural districts. Do this, and the thoroughfares to be graced by the Fiesta will be banked with flowers, all that can possibly be used for decorative purposes and an abundance to spare.

Two weeks is quite time enough to carry out The Herald's suggestion. The people of Los Angeles endorse it, the Fiesta managers and the business men of the thoroughfares can easily consummate it, and it would admittedly be a crowning glory of the Fiesta.

Do it! This is Los Angeles.

THE BUILDING LULL

How long is the comparative lull in Los Angeles home building likely to continue? That is a leading question now among all classes of the community.

For the information of strangers in Los Angeles it may be well to explain before attempting to answer the question just what we mean by the phrase "comparative lull." In the first place it has no such significance as it would have in any other American city. In any other city the ratio of building now in progress here would be rated as extremely active, and possibly as a boom.

The present relative lull in building, because of the unique record of Los Angeles in that line, may be likened to the career of a horse whose record for speed has long defied all competitors. A failure to reach its top notch record in a few subsequent races means only that the animal is slightly out of condition.

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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AND AGRICULTURAL PARK

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—[Editor Herald:] In spite of the nebulous and interested views of property owners, willing to sacrifice their private interests to the public good, it remains evident to taxpayers and the thoughtful that Agricultural park would make an ideal location for the state normal school. This must be evident upon careful consideration to every truly unbiased public spirited citizen, of which there are many in Los Angeles.

In the first place the location has to be respectable. This, while not mentioned "in the dispatches," is very important, and this location of Agricultural park is eminently respectable, being surrounded by various new additions, containing streets in which the better class predominate. Not far from the classic district of University, in which many of our public spirited citizens of extreme wealth reside, while to the south are rows of edifices of quite a respectable quality between Moneta and Figueroa streets.

All parents will feel safe in having their children attend a school in this respectable locality, in which for many years the only abundance of crime manifested has been the robbing of United States letter boxes.

Then the matter of convenience of transit, another important item in the interest of causing people of the university, Traction and Main street cars all arrive at their terminal near Agricultural park and are filled with miscellaneous when the races are on at the park. The Grand avenue line could be made to turn to the north for the convenience of the teachers and scholars after its arrival at Dalton avenue.

These two important matters of respectability and convenience of access settled, no amount of argument on the part of interested property owners should for a moment influence the board of selection for the school, pupils and teachers should be the chief aim of this executive. The city is growing to the southwest and as soon as a certain enterprising mammoth retail establishment makes a move to the corner of Eighth and Broadway, a stride will be taken that will affect the entire commercial community, such indeed as was manifested in 1887 when in Kansas City, Bullene, Moores & Emory moved from Seventh and Main to Eleventh and Grand and caused the price of certain streets to fall from \$350 to \$75 a month.

E. H. RYDALL.

PRESIDENT TO GO TO OYSTER BAY JUNE 12

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Roosevelt will leave Washington for his summer home at Oyster Bay on June 12.

Secretary Loeb today said that no speeches were to be made by the president after he leaves Washington until he goes to the Georgia monument September 3. From Canton the president will return to Washington for the fall and winter season.

The president is to make two speeches on "Georgia day" at the Jamestown exposition on June 10.

ADVOCATES HIGHER WAGES

This view of the building situation agrees with the judgment of property owners, contractors, architects and real estate owners who by experience are best qualified to express an opinion on the subject.

ENFORCE CLEANUP LAW

A few weeks ago The Herald called attention to the new state law providing for proper cleanliness in city vacant lots and on all sidewalks and gutters.

The law is operative now, but there is no observable sign of its enforcement in Los Angeles. It provides that in case of neglect by an owner to comply with its provisions the authorities shall have the work done and charge the expense to the owner. The bill is made a lien on the property, and that feature pertains to owners living abroad as well as to residents.

Los Angeles seems to be more tardy in this matter than the minor cities and towns of Southern California. The Pomona Review says on the subject: "The new state law giving street superintendents power to clean lots, walks and gutters of weeds, rubbish and debris, and to make the cost of such work a lien upon the property benefited by the labor, is being enforced in all the up-to-date towns in California."

Los Angeles is generally supposed to be in the up-to-date class of cities, but if it meets the requirement in this case the exhibits are not in evidence.

There can be no excuse for non-enforcement of this law in any California city or town. It does not involve a dollar of expense to the community, the cost coming from individuals who are either too penurious to pay the cost of keeping their premises decent or too lazy to attend to it themselves.

The law in its relation to non-resident property owners is just what the progressive citizens in every city and town of the state have long been yearning for. It is the almost universal practice of lot owners living abroad to pay no attention to their property beyond the necessary act of tax-paying. They rely upon the pride of residents to make attractive the localities in which their interests lie, thinking of nothing but the increase in the value of their holdings.

But there is no chance to evade the enforcement of this law. The lien which it provides for the expense account is made second only, as an incumbrance, to taxes. It takes precedence of any mortgage, and hence it is a matter of importance to mortgagees to see that property which secures their loans is kept free from the liens.

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Writes Last Appeal to Los Angeles Educators, in Which He Scores Citizens for Their Indifference

The pathetic story of a great sacrifice for the cause of humanity in education of the masses came to light yesterday afternoon when Constable De La Monte was called to interfere in an argument between a landlord and Prof. M. C. Simkins, one of the most thorough exponents of "Esperanto language" in this country.

The professor, reduced to positive want through failure of his plans in Los Angeles, engaged in argument with his landlord or his landlord's representative with disastrous results, for the aged professor was attacked and injured before the officers interfered.

Prof. Simkins came to Los Angeles several months ago from the east. His plan was to establish Esperanto thoroughly in the Los Angeles schools and colleges before moving northward and advancing the language to every college on the coast that would receive it. Esperanto is the universal language, a language which all the nations of the world are learning to some degree and which the exponent thereof desires to make the one language of the world.

Writes Final Appeal Some of the big eastern colleges accept it, and Prof. Simkins, one of the most thorough professors of the new language, came west in the hope of establishing it here. Prof. Simkins is a brilliant man, well educated, and his enthusiasm for his new language was magnificent, but he met with failure. The instructors of the city did not take to the new language. It failed to appeal to them in the light that it had to the easterners, and Prof. Simkins and his aged wife were reduced to want, and finally to the humiliation of an attack from their landlord.

Yesterday a final appeal which Prof. Simkins had written and which set forth in pitiful detail his fight to establish the language he loved in the Los Angeles colleges, was found at his home. It reads as follows:

MY LAST APPEAL "An open letter to President Bovard, University Southern California; President Baer, Occidental college; Superintendent Moore, Los Angeles public schools; Superintendent Emery, Harvard Military school; Superintendent Adams, Yale School for Boys; the principals of Los Angeles commercial schools; the principals of the several girls' academy schools, and the heads of education in Los Angeles generally:

"I must first give you an incident, because it leads directly up to the main subject which now, for the last time, I have to present to you.

"Two days ago I arrived from England a set of lessons in universal language, printed in Braille character for the blind.

"All over the civilized globe arrangements have been made to carry delegations of blind children to Cambridge, England, the coming August, where, before the third world's congress of the International League of the blind of all nations will give oral and visible manifestations of that new heaven which this wonderful discovery has opened up to them by enabling those of different races and languages to communicate freely with one another. I say the blind of all nations will have this glorious opportunity freely. No! The blind of America alone, in all human probability, will not have it. Why? Because those of your class, ladies and gentlemen, who are supposed to be right in the van of educational progress, you who hold the position of teachers against all intruders, you fall back upon the childish plea, which each and every one of you have repeatedly made to me: 'I haven't time.'

"In France a blind man, Dr. Emil Javal, who has achieved more distinction in the fields of education and of science than have all you put together, nevertheless in his busy life has taken time to lay the foundation of a school to direct the building of the superstructure of this grand work in one department of education.

Work Going On "All this may be news to you. He died a few days ago, and if educators in other lands were like you, ladies and gentlemen, that work would stop. But it's going right on. The only difference in results will be the greater disgrace to this country for its apathy engendered and fostered by your conduct. Indeed, had it been left to you, ladies and gentlemen of progress, America would hardly have ever heard as yet that such a stupendous movement toward human brotherhood is in existence. But another foreign teacher who has more to show for his busy life than all you put together, Prof. Ostwald of Leipzig, took time to thunder Esperanto at Harvard a year ago last December, even before he went about the scientific lecture for which Harvard hired him!

"Since about that time I have been thundering at the tympanum of your ears until I presume you are thoroughly disgusted, and I know that I am, because it seems to have been wholly without avail.

"It is true that, without properly looking into the subject, some of you permitted certain ambitious upstarts to use your high prerogatives in giving the movement a disreputable send-off in this city, and that in the wake of it a sickly exhibition of interest still survives, all of which for want of your active participation is rather a disgrace than a credit to the cause of progress in Los Angeles.

"Single handed and alone, without means and with the barest pittance of income, going on two years, I have struggled here for the cause in all its dignity and purity, hoping against hope that some impression would be made.

"When effort with others seemed utterly futile I returned to my castle and studied, studied, studied, wrote, wrote, wrote. I have hundreds upon hundreds of pages of manuscripts, some of them carrying the subject beyond the farthest present lines of advancement—all of them directly concerned with the movement in America. But now, at the very last, because in carrying my devotion a little too far, I have fallen behind in my rents a mere bagatelle, I and my poor wife, aged and infirm, have been assailed in our very rooms, browbeaten, scandalized and actually beaten with fists till I must surrender my hold upon the casket. Despite it, I spurn it, ridicule it if you will, gentlemen and ladies. It nevertheless is the casket of that Holy Grail humanity has been blindly seeking and groping after for ages. Earnestly yours, M. C. SIMKINS."

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