

BEGIN WORK ON CHARTER

REVISION COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST FORMAL SESSION

THIRTEEN MEMBERS ATTEND ON FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH

Larger Committee Will Be Suggested, So as to Give Broader Scope to Preliminary Study of the Charter Problem

Charter revision was formally inaugurated yesterday—on Friday, the 13th, with thirteen members of the commission present.

By a strange coincidence the members decided to postpone definite action for a week.

Mayor Arthur C. Harper remarked smilingly to the members:

"I don't want to serve on this commission," thought his comment, "but the fact that Councilman Wallace had just read the list of the members of the 1888 charter revision commission, all of whom have since died, it is said.

Five of the eighteen members of the present body are out of the city on vacation.

City Attorney Leslie R. Hewitt, who was present yesterday, will leave the city on Monday for Washington, but most of the others will be here some time in September, so that in October full meetings may be expected.

Thirteen Present Mayor Harper and City Attorney Leslie R. Hewitt, President of the Board of Public Works James A. Anderson, Special Aqueduct Counsel W. B. Mathews and Councilmen Wallace, Blanchard and Healy were present on behalf of the city, the others being Commissioners Weidner, Fishburn, Washburn, Murray and Morgan, making thirteen. Others of the original commission were out of the city or had other engagements.

Former Councilman A. D. Houghton and E. Hewitt, President of the Board of Public Works, were asked to attend the sittings, as delegates, but their request was refused.

Perry Weidner was elected temporary chairman, and suggestions were at once invited.

Chairman Weidner suggested that all members first carefully read the existing Los Angeles charter as a basis of further action, saying it ought to be digested as an example of what the city lacks in a legislative way.

The question arose whether this committee should do the preliminary work or whether a larger committee should undertake the revision.

Mayor Harper explained that this committee was merely a preliminary organization representing various organizations, and should select a body twice or thrice as large from whom the workers should be selected. The original committee could be part of it, though he favored eliminating all city office holders.

Wants it Representative Commissioner Frost, representing the Voters' league, said that there was no question but that this was merely preliminary organization which should select the workers' subcommittees, and if any changes were made they should spring from the largest body of voters through their representatives on the commission.

"You can make up your minds that there will be a prodigious amount of work required," said the speaker, "and we must have men who will devote much of their time to the new charter. The process began with the council approval of the commercial bodies and eventually to the people at large.

Charter No Longer Patchworthy Chairman Weidner remarked that it seemed to be the common belief that the present charter was inadequate and the commission must decide whether it was patchworthy or whether an entirely new one was needed.

Councilman Wallace said he believed that if the present committee was to do none of the revising it would be best to proceed to select a new committee twice or thrice as large. He was convinced, he said, that the present charter was very considerable revision or an entirely new one would be necessary.

Councilman Healy said he was ready to vote at once favoring a new charter.

Vote for New Charter The commission then voted that its sense was that an entirely new charter was needed.

Former City Attorney Mathews said revision was as far as possible now, there was too much in the way of changes needed. He thought also that the Galveston-Des Moines systems should be considered.

"I am not ready to commit myself on them as yet," said he, "though if I were asked at this moment whether I preferred the Galveston plan I would say no."

President Anderson of the board of public works said exhaustive study had convinced him that a new one must be framed at once.

City Attorney Hewitt concurred in these remarks and explained why amendments were uncertain.

Amendments Dangerous "The practice of amendment is open to objections," he said, "because where any series of amendments is prepared and put to vote some may carry and others not."

"When the voters go through with them the charter would be lame because of the defeat of needed amendments, and the plan proposed would not then be workable."

Councilman Wallace called attention to the fact that the old charter was drawn up in 1888, when Los Angeles had 50,000 persons, as against nearly 300,000 now.

Mayor Harper said if the newspapers helped he believed a new charter could easily be adopted.

Councilman Wallace said apparently the newspapers all wanted a new charter. Incidentally he said some men seemed tense in wanting the Gothenburg system tried here.

Mayor Harper said this latter plan had died out.

Commissioner Murray, who represents the labor unions, thought the Galveston plan should be studied, and Councilman Wallace said a few councilmen at large would also be provided for in the new charter.

Half Rate Sundays The Southern Pacific sells on Sunday tickets at half rates for round trips to any station east of Los Angeles and west of and including Craton, including branch lines, also on Santa Ana, branch, and return, minimum rate 50 cents, also from any station within the above limit to Los Angeles and return at the one-way rate. This allows to visit Riverside, Redlands, San Bernardino, Ontario, Santa Ana and many other points and spend the day with very little expenditure for railroad fare. Tickets are good for return only on the date of sale, Sunday. Under this arrangement the fare to Redlands and return, good only \$2.05; Riverside and return, \$1.75; Pomona, \$1.50; Ontario, \$1.25; Santa Ana, \$1.00.

Further information may be obtained at the Southern Pacific ticket office, 600 South Spring street, corner Sixth, or at Arcade depot, Los Angeles.

BOY WITH GRUDGE TRIES TO SCALP HIS PLAYMATE

William Kelly, son of Detective Sergeant Kelly, was seriously injured by being struck with a basket during a fight with Ralph Clark, a neighbor, yesterday.

The boys have been enemies for some time. Yesterday they met near Kelly's home at 1018 Waterloo street and a fight ensued.

Young Kelly was taken to the receiving hospital, where it was found he had suffered a severe laceration of the scalp.

TAKES LEADING ROLE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE

UTILITY MAN'S SWEET TENOR WINS APPLAUSE

"Prince of Pilsen" Audience Does Not Know That Substitute Takes the Place of William Weedon

Opportunity is oft times the big stepping stone that leads to success, and this is especially true in the theatrical business.

At the Mason opera house this week, where the tuneful "Prince of Pilsen" is being sung to crowded houses, this saying has proved true.

On Monday night the leading tenor of the company, William Weedon, received a wire from Henry W. Savage to join "The Merry Widow" company in New York, and he was compelled to leave early Tuesday morning.

This hurry-up order caused little or no inconvenience to Manager Shaw, who immediately turned over the part to young Robert Mallory, who heretofore was known professionally as the "utility man," which means a member of the company who at a moment's notice is called on to do almost anything in the show.

When he was called on to sing the role of the "Prince of Pilsen" in the show, he was not only engaged in these duties but he placed in line with the other members of the chorus.

With Savage Four Years Young Mallory has been with Savage nearly four years and has long been watching for the opportunity when he would be called on to do something better.

He knew that he was the possessor of a good singing voice, and was only waiting for that chance that sometimes comes for a member of the chorus to show what they can do, so the pleasure this young man realized when given a leading role can better be imagined than described.

When the curtain went up Tuesday night no one in the audience knew of any change being made, as it was not so marked in the program, and the big rounds of applause that greeted this sweet-voiced tenor after singing the message of the "Violet" must have filled the auditorium with overflowing and the applause was well merited, for while the song has been heard here a number of times it probably was never sung with better effect or more feeling.

It is understood that Mr. Savage is under the impression that Mr. Weedon is a new tenor to take the place of Mr. Weedon; if so this new member had best look well to his laurels, and Mr. Savage should not lose sight of this young singer who amply proved worthy the name given him, "utility man," for some day the same kind of a message will come to him with an offer to sing a principal role in some big production.

ONE BROTHER ASKS TRIAL; THE OTHER PLEADS GUILTY

P. L. Whitney Fined \$100 for Over-driving Train Hired for Trip to Canyon—Liveryman is Complainant

R. M. Whitney and P. L. Whitney, two brothers, were arraigned before Justice Pierce yesterday on the charge of cruelty to animals, brought by R. S. Howland, a liveryman. P. L. Whitney pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$100, with the alternative of 100 days in the county jail. His brother pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial, which was set for September 15.

In the complaint against the Whitneys, it is charged that the latter team of Howland for the purpose of driving to Santa Monica canyon, a distance of about twenty miles. Instead of going to the canyon, it is said, they drove the team nearly a hundred miles in less than a day.

Besides this, it is charged, they over-loaded the team. When asked by Justice Pierce if the statements in the complaint were true, P. L. Whitney did not deny them, but said he had been in the habit of driving a like distance in the east. He was given until today to pay the fine.

HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION EXCEEDS ALL FORMER YEARS

Hundreds Enroll as Pupils in Two Institutions—Faculties Tomorrow Will Arrange Details for Term's Beginning

Hundreds of pupils were present at both the Polytechnic and Los Angeles high schools yesterday morning registering for the new school session to begin Monday. The work began as early as 9 o'clock.

Prof. the number of applicants the attendance at both high schools will be far in advance of any previous record. There are two days yet in which pupils may register.

Yesterday was practically the last day of vacation. Tomorrow morning the teachers and principals of the high schools will meet to consider the final arrangements for the preparation for the opening of the school Monday.

MUST PAY HIGHER TAXES FOR LOTS WITH BILLBOARDS

Outdoor Leaguers Oppose Rental of Vacant Ground to Bill Posting Companies Merely for Revenue Purposes

Persons who dispose of billboard rights on their lots are liable to pay dearly for the privilege.

It is likely that such lots will be as good as "improved" hereafter because they produce a revenue and will be charged accordingly.

Various lots produce different rentals, and those who are opposing billboards will make a fight on property owners who use this means of getting revenue.

The outdoor leaguers are chief in the warfare against the eye-sores, and will keep up their campaign against the billboards, which are being legislated against all over the United States.

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

TERRA COTTA GETS MORE RECOGNITION

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE BUILDING LAWS

Committee of Architects' Chapter Asks Council to Revise Ordinances Governing Use of Tiling Industry Products

Proposed amendments to the building ordinances of Los Angeles have been prepared after weeks of study as recommended by the Southern California chapter, Architects' Institute of America.

Architects R. B. Young, A. F. Rosenheim and Theo. C. Eison, as a committee, have submitted them to the city council.

Some of the changes deal with hard burned terra cotta and hollow terra cotta, the changes being principally with reference to that industry.

The term masonry will, if the amendments are adopted, hereafter be defined as brick, stone, concrete, reinforced concrete or hard burned terra cotta.

Tests Required Hollow terra cotta blocks used in the construction of any buildings shall conform to the following tests:

A sharp metallic bell-like ring when struck and a clean close fracture are good proof of homogeneity, compactness and strength.

Hard burned terra cotta shall have an ultimate crushing strength of not less than 4000 pounds per square inch of shell bearing surface laid vertical with a factor of safety of 8.

Hollow terra cotta blocks may be used for the exterior walls of buildings not more than 30 feet in height.

When or wherever wood construction is allowed in the interior construction of class C buildings, under ordinance 12,800, new series, it shall be permissible to use reinforced hollow terra cotta, tile or concrete floors, supported on reinforced concrete partitions, provided they will sustain the floor load in accordance with section 96 of ordinance 12,800, new series.

Must Be Wet Hollow terra cotta blocks for bearing partitions must be thoroughly wet on their ends, and reinforced with metal laths or three-mesh hardware cloth, one-half inch narrower than the thickness of the partition.

This metal reinforcement to be laid on each horizontal bed the full length of the wall and to have a one-inch splice at joinings and doubled at each corner.

After the reinforcing metal is in place the entire surface of each course of the wall shall be covered completely with Portland cement mortar in proportions of three parts sand to one of cement, no lime being used, thus insuring a perfect bed for the course of terra cotta.

When said walls exceed 12 feet in height and 200 feet in length they shall be reinforced with pilasters. Said pilasters to be not more than 20 feet centers and shall have projection of 4 inches on each side of wall and a width of 16 inches and to be increased at a ratio of 4 inches in thickness for every 4 feet in excess of 12 feet in height or fraction thereof.

Bonded in Partitions The tile in bearing partitions shall be so bonded together that the vertical webs on each course will come directly over each other throughout the entire partition.

The thickness of hollow terra cotta bearing partitions for class C buildings shall be equal to 1-20 the height of the story in which they occur.

Non-bearing partitions may be built of the following sizes: Six-inch partitions, 20 feet high; four inch partitions, 16 feet high; three inch partitions 12 feet high.

Hollow terra cotta building blocks may be used as curbs or filler walls for all exterior and interior curbs.

CITY DISPOSES OF CATTLE ALONG OWENS RIGHT OF WAY

Has No Further Use for Herds Near Palmdale and Board of Public Works Finds Ready Buyer

The city has marketed a few cattle in the Owens aqueduct right of way.

President James A. Anderson of the board of public works said to the city council yesterday:

"In accordance with the provisions of ordinance No. 15,661 (new series), authorizing this board to sell such personal property under its control as shall not be longer necessary or suitable for the use of this board, such sale to be subject to the approval of your honorable body, we respectfully report that we have negotiated with D. S. Linbarger for the sale of fifty-six head of mixed cattle on what is known as the Wolf property, near Palmdale, which property is now owned by the city; also ten calves, about 4 or 5 months old, and five calves, about 6 weeks old, all of the value of \$250.

"We respectfully request your honorable body to confirm the sale of the cattle at that price."

There was a bit of humorous debate over the proposition and then the council confirmed the sale.

Green feed is getting scarce near Palmdale, and as the city has no desire to maintain herds on its lands the sale was deemed expedient.

STEPS THROUGH SKYLIGHT; PITCHES FIFTY FEET

Employe of Llewellyn Iron Works Drops from Roof to Floor of Plant—Sustains Serious Injuries

By falling through the skylight of the Llewellyn iron works yesterday morning, Albert Winter, an iron moulder, suffered injuries which will keep him confined to bed for some time.

The young man was employed repairing the roof of the building at the time of the accident. While passing the skylight his foot slipped and he pitched through the glass, falling nearly fifty feet to the floor below.

When picked up he was unconscious and was hurried to the receiving hospital. There it was found he had suffered a broken wrist and a number of severe bruises. After his injuries were dressed Winter was sent to his home, 505 Commercial street.

Health in the Canal Zone The high wages paid make it a mighty temptation to our young artisans to join the force of skilled workmen needed to construct the Panama canal. Many are restrained, however, by the fear of fever and malaria. It is the knowing ones—those who have used Electric Bitters, who go there without this fear, well knowing they are safe from malarious influences with Electric Bitters on hand. Cures blood poison, too, biliousness, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Guaranteed by DEAN DRUG CO., 505.

JOHN A. FOX TO ADDRESS ASSOCIATION AT BANQUET

John A. Fox, director of the national rivers and harbors congress, and a civil engineer vouched for by the waterway commission, will address the Engineers and Architects' association at an informal banquet to be held in the cafe of the Hotel Hollenbeck next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The subject of his address will be "A Talk on the Improvement of Our Rivers and Harbors, and a Discussion of the Work of the National Rivers and Harbors Association."

POLICY OF WIFE SLAIN BY HUSBAND INVOLVED

MURDERER, A SUICIDE, WAS THE BENEFICIARY

Children, Heirs of Conrad Rausch, Can Not Collect Money—Manner of Mother's Death Makes Insurance Void

When the settlement of the estate of Conrad Rausch came up before Judge Rives in the probate department of the superior court, yesterday, it was discovered that \$2000 life insurance policy, which had been counted among the assets, was void, and the heirs-at-law, five minor children, will be deprived of that amount.

Several months ago Rausch killed his wife and committed suicide. Two years prior to the tragedy Mrs. Rausch took out a policy, in which her husband was named as beneficiary. She kept up the payment of the premiums regularly, and at the time of her death it was in full force.

By a clause of the rules of the company, in case an insured person is killed by the beneficiary, the policy becomes invalid. It is said that steps will be taken to test the legality of the company's rules.

MAKES FOILING GAMBLING RAIDS HIS OCCUPATION

Man Long Suspected by Police Arraigned—Admits Guilt—Knows Every Member of Force. Poses as Waiter

Suspected of being a look-out for a gambling game, David Hawkins was arrested by Patrolmen Humphreys and Coe yesterday morning.

When questioned at the police station, Hawkins admitted that he had been receiving \$20 a week to tip off policemen to crap players and agreed to plead guilty to vagrancy if no more serious charge was placed against him.

This was agreed to and Hawkins will be taken to police court on that charge today.

According to the officers they have suspected Hawkins for some time. He is well acquainted with all the policemen in Los Angeles, and whenever a new man is appointed to the force makes a point to learn all about him.

Several times the police have laid careful plans to raid gambling houses, but each time their movements were tipped off in advance.

Hawkins posed as a waiter and it is thought gained some of his information by questioning officers who ate at the restaurant where he was employed.

MARTINDALE WILL START NEW STORE

WILL HAVE ELEGANT SMOKE HOUSE ON HILL STREET

New Establishment Will Be Fitted in Handsome Style and Wholesale Department Will Be Carried

L. Martindale, one of the most popular cigar dealers of Los Angeles, and well known to all the frequenters of the Hammam baths on Broadway between Second and Third streets, will open another establishment this morning at the corner of Fifth and Hill streets, that will rival in sumptuousness of smoke retreats any of its kind in the city.

Mr. Martindale has enjoyed the acquaintance of nearly every smoker of good cigars ever since he entered into the business of selling a fragrant weed in this city many years ago.

From a little stand with barely enough of selling stock his business has grown until it is the largest of its kind on Broadway and rivals in completeness of detail any cigar store in Los Angeles.

But Mr. Martindale is not satisfied with this. "The town is growing every day," says he, "and all businesses are making a mad rush toward the southern portion of the city. I'm not going to be left behind. Hill street, which is becoming more and more one of the principal thoroughfares of the city, is in need of a first class cigar establishment, and in compliance with the earnest request of my many well-wishing friends I am going to meet that necessity."

"There are many small stores on Hill street selling smokes, but there is an appreciable lack of a good cigar store where business men who frequent the baths here, and any number of politicians have suggested the thought to me time and again. So I know I am making a happy deal."

The new store will be from a point of view of size and equipment possibly the largest in the city. Located as it is at one of the principal corners of the business section of the city, no more favorable location could be desired.

Mr. Martindale intends carrying a whole stock of tobacco together with all the paraphernalia of the business. But this will be closed from view. The main portion of the store will be fitted up like an exclusive parlor where devotees of the weed may smoke as undisturbed as though in the sanctity of their own den.

When Mr. Martindale speaks of his new establishment as being "thoroughly fitted up" he calls the attention of his counter in front of the Hammam baths recognized by those who know as first class throughout.

Mr. Martindale has put his son in charge of the new establishment while he himself will control the management of the counter in front of the baths.

WHIRLS FALLEN GIRL FROM WHEELS OF CAR

Harry B. Dye of the City Pound Leaps from Wagon and Grasps Prostrate Child Barely in Time

At great risk to himself Harry B. Dye, city dog catcher, saved Grace Bixet, a 12-year-old girl, from being run over by a speeding Eastlake park car about 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

Dye was passing in his wagon. He saw the little girl run out of a store with her arms filled with bundles and attempt to pass in front of a car.

Her foot struck a stone and she was thrown between the rails. Dye sprang from his wagon, seized her dress and jumped to one side as the trolley shot by.

Mrs. Knowlitt—If you're going to start a club you must first frame a constitution and by-laws.

Mr. Jinks (chairman of committee)—Well, we have a nice frame for the constitution, but where can we buy laws?

SCHOOL SUPPLIES THE BEST AND THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY

School Begins Monday Hamburgers SAFEST PLACE TO TRADE School Begins Monday

We have all the school books authorized by the state board and will sell them at prices that no other dealer can or will duplicate. "WHAT OTHERS ADVERTISE WE SELL FOR LESS."

These Prices for Saturday

Table listing school supplies and prices: Ink Tablets, 300 pages... 5c; Eagle Draughting No. 314 Pencils 4c; Scratch Tablets, 300 pages... 4c; Eagle Standard Pencils... 4c; Scratch Tablets, large size... 7c; Bradley's Gray Paper Pad... 5c; Composition Books, 72 pages... 4c; Bradley's White Paper Pad... 10c; Composition Books, 120 pages... 7c; Portfolio... 5c; Students' Note Books, 72 pages... 5c; Book Straps, 5c and... 7c; Rulers, Metric, brass edge... 7c; School Bags, 25c, 39c and... 60c; Brass edge Rulers, 12 in., 5c and... 7c; Crayons and Crayola, box... 10c; Slates, 10c, 15c and... 30c; Students' Note Books, 72 pages... 5c; Slate Pencils (dozen in box), box... 5c; Penholders, 3c, 5c, 7c and... 15c; Bradley's Paint Box, with No. 7 Brush... 25c; Lead Pencils, doz., 7c, 12c, 15c, 20c, 50c; Eagle Compass... 25c; Blotters, dozen... 5c; Excelsior Wing Compass... 10c; Ruby and Emerald Erasers... 5c

Free "Photo" Announcement

To every customer who purchases either film or plate at special prices named for today and returns same to be developed and printed Monday, we will give absolutely free one enlarged picture 11x14 inches mounted; your own choice of any plate or film; we do the best work in the city, and remember that our dark room is always at your service.

Book Special "Fire of the Heart," New "Book by Ralph Waldo Trine—Author "In Tune with the Infinite." Regular 98c 50c

The Musical World By Genevra Johnstone-Bishop

2 HURT IN WRECK OF SWITCH ENGINE

COLLIDES WITH A STRING OF CABOOSSES

Southern Pacific Yards Scene of Accident in Which Engineer F. Sullivan and Fireman Hutchison Are Injured

In a collision between a string of cabooses and engine No. 1113 in the Southern Pacific yards early yesterday morning Leslie T. Sullivan, engineer, and G. E. Hutchison, fireman, were seriously injured.

The men were taken to the receiving hospital, but later were sent to the Sisters' hospital.

The engine on which the men rode was being used for switching purposes.

The cabooses were switched from one track to the track on which the engine stood. The jar when they struck the engine knocked the men from the cab to the ground.

At the receiving hospital Sullivan was found to have suffered several broken ribs, a number of bruises and internal injuries. Hutchison sustained a number of cuts and bruises.

Sullivan lives at 139 North Avenue. Twenty-two and Hutchison at 415 Bernard street.

SMALL FIRE STARTS IN REAR OF MASON THEATER

Is but a Short Distance from Stage Entrance and Believed to Have Been Set by Boys Smoking Cigarettes

Fire in the rear of the Mason theater during the performance last night did a small amount of damage. It was extinguished by the chemical without word of the blaze reaching the audience.

The fire was but a few feet from the stage door. It is said to have been started by small boys who were smoking in the alley leading to the stage.

Employees of the theater tried to keep news of the fire from being given to the public.

S. P. C. A. MAKES MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals the following statistical report of the month's work was read:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Cases investigated... 241; Animals examined... 253; Animals relieved... 187; Animals delivered... 96; Animals suspended from labor... 116; Animals transported in the ambulance... 10; Warnings and reprimands... 23; Arrests for the month... 19; Convictions... 12; Acquittals... 3; Cases pending... 1

NEW INCORPORATIONS

Oceano Land and Improvement company—Directors: S. H. Williams, Joseph Brownstone, Johnstone Jones, F. V. Williams and Sophie Williams. Capital stock, \$50,000; all subscribed.

Floot Gold Amalgamation company—Directors: George Gartling, Louis Sachse, John Kunny, N. J. Kunny and Morris Lucht. Capital stock, \$25,000; all subscribed.

Golden Home Mining company—Directors: Mae L. Dubois, Fred Dubois, Thos. T. Garrison, Elizabeth Garrison and J. A. Trundle. Capital stock, \$25,000; \$5 subscribed.

ARROW 4 SIZE COLLAR Made of Clupeco Shrunken Fabric 12c each 2 for 25c