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## THE CITY

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The Herald will pay \$10 in cash to anyone furnishing evidence that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person caught stealing copies of The Herald from the premises of our patrons.

### Miner Dies Alone

Louis Choupin, aged 49, a miner, was found dead in bed yesterday afternoon at 510 Wall street, death being caused by a hemorrhage. It is thought that Choupin has no relatives here.

### Leslie Todd Wanted

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Leslie Todd, alias J. W. Todd, a waiter by occupation. The man has been sought by the police for several days, but no clue to his whereabouts has been found. Todd is described as being 29 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs about 140 pounds.

### Ueud-Bad Language, Says Complaint

A complaint was issued by Assistant City Prosecutor Ford yesterday against Louis Sigale, charging the latter with having disturbed the peace of Frank Daniels at 127 S. John street, last Sunday. Daniels claimed that Sigale came to his home, called him vile names in a loud voice and threatened to "clean out the place."

### Boy Missing Days

William A. House, 16 years of age, has run away from his home. The boy has been absent for several days and it is feared he may now be in some other section of the country. According to the description furnished the police House is 16 years of age, five feet five inches tall and weighs 135 pounds; has black hair, brown eyes and dark complexion. When last seen he wore a brown mixed suit and black felt hat.

### CAPT. WHEELER, NOTED EDUCATOR, CREMATED

First Head of Chaffey College Raised Two Companies at Outbreak of Civil War, Leading One

Funeral services over Captain William F. Wheeler were held yesterday afternoon at the chapel of Breese brothers in South Figueroa street. The exercises were under the direction of Rev. J. H. Cooper, pastor of the Park Congregational church, assisted by Rev. T. W. Hendry, formerly of the same church. Deacon James Gillespie of the Vernon church, with which the captain previously was associated, added feeling remarks.

Captain Wheeler was the first president of Chaffey college, at Ontario, Cal., having come to this state nearly a quarter of a century ago. He was born in Brockfield, Mass., in 1830. Graduating from Harvard in 1852 he traveled in Europe, being compelled by affected vision to relinquish the study of medicine, but returning to this country he devoted himself to educational work, maintaining a college preparatory family school for boys until the outbreak of the Civil war. He raised a company of volunteers in four days, but refused its captaincy, at first intending to continue his school work. But the boys were restless and in two weeks he raised a second company of volunteers, in which were twenty-six of his own pupils, with whom he marched to the defense of his country, with the Fifty-first Massachusetts volunteer infantry.

When the war was over Captain Wheeler turned to educational work once more. He became identified with the Freedmen's Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church and was stationed at Atlanta, Ga., where he became acquainted with his second wife, Mrs. Clara Blunt, also a teacher in Clark university. He leaves a son and a daughter by a former marriage and one sister, all living on the Atlantic coast. The remains were cremated at Rosedale.

### RECKLESS CHAUFFEUR DRUNK IS OFFICER'S ACCUSATION

O. W. Hoehne was arrested by Patrolman Burch yesterday on the charge of having driven down Spring street at a reckless speed in an automobile.

According to the officer Hoehne was in a senseless state of intoxication and his fierce pace threatened the lives of everyone in his path.

It is said that a special law will be used against Hoehne, which provides that a person who drives an automobile while intoxicated may be imprisoned.

### OFFICE BOY SLEUTH IN DIVORCE CASE

KEEPS TORN TELEGRAM, DAMAGING EVIDENCE

"Meet Me, Marie," It Said, and Mrs. Otto H. Mohr, Wife of Inventor, Uses It with Effect

The work of a youthful Sherlock Holmes was one of the features yesterday in the divorce case of Martha Mohr against Otto H. Mohr, the inventor, which is on trial in Superior Judge Monroe's department. The young sleuth, Bart Olivas, was a witness.

Olivas was employed by Mohr to sweep out his office at 323 East Second street, and some unaccountable instinct led him to pick out and paste together the pieces of a telegram thrown by Mohr into his waste basket. The telegram was received July 11, and since that time has remained in hiding, the boy awaiting an opportune moment when it might be of use to Mrs. Mohr.

The message, which is dated San Francisco and signed by Marie Camp, was introduced by the prosecution with the hope of proving that the acquaintance between Mohr and Mrs. Camp was closer than admitted by Mohr.

### Alimony Barred

A dash of cold water was thrown upon the prosecution yesterday when the court ruled that the wife of the inventor could not receive alimony because she had not been in the matrimonial home for a year.

### ALIGHTING FROM MOVING CAR, IS SERIOUSLY HURT

Miss Rosie Talein of 226 Hewitt street was severely injured while attempting to alight from a moving Boyle Heights car at Third and Hewitt streets early last night.

### NO CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR INMATES OF CITY JAIL

Small Piece of Pie Only Addition to Regular Fare—Prisoners Fight to Get on Chain Gang

The horde of prisoners in the city jail will receive a scant Christmas dinner. Although charitable societies are busy supplying food to the poor, no one has volunteered to lighten the hearts or weight the stomachs of the petty offenders.

### FALLS FROM CAR; SUFFERS BRUISES ABOUT BODY

Harry Salon, living on West Ninth street, near Harwood, was seriously injured by falling from a West Ninth street car, a short distance from his home early last night.

### DOESN'T WANT TO GO BACK TO JAIL, SO HE RUNS AWAY

In honor that he would be compelled to return to the dirty city jail and serve out 65 days of his 100-day sentence for petty larceny, Pedro Orenas, who had been sent to the quarantine station for the treatment of a contagious disease, ran away yesterday and the police are unable to locate him.

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### MISSING PAPERS FIGURE IN AGED COUPLE'S ESTATE

Property Said to Have Been Deeded by Merrill A. Wehr to His Wife and Back Again Involved

A contest to determine the rightful heirs to the estate of Merrill A. Wehr and that of his wife, Nancy Wehr, filled the chairs in Judge James' court yesterday, most of those present being interested in the outcome of the case.

### AMID FLOWERS TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES ARE PLANNED BY CHURCHES

Messes to be Held at Catholic Houses of Worship—Beautiful Music Will be Rendered

Christmas services planned by the Catholic Episcopal churches will be elaborate. The day will be observed amid the glory of California flowers. Flaming poinsettias will be the favorite and thousands will be plucked today to adorn the altars.

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### ADD TWO MILES TO CONDUIT DISTRICT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS URGES EXTENSION

Annual Recommendation Made, with Suggestion That Area Be Laid Out Several Years in Advance

In connection with the extension of the conduit area of Los Angeles for the coming year, as required by existing ordinances, the board of public works recommends that there be added within the time prescribed in existing ordinances the following district to the conduit area, to-wit:

### RAILROAD NEWS

Peter Harvey, for twenty-five years a representative of the Baltimore & Ohio and for the past several years Pacific coast agent with headquarters at San Francisco, died in that city December 18, as the result of an operation.

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### AUDITOR EXPLAINS TO CITY ITS STANDING

MILLIONS PASS THROUGH TREASURY YEARLY

Some Funds Are Nearly Drained, and Heads of Departments Are Worried to Keep Within Appropriations

The annual report of the city auditor tells the story of the city's receipts and disbursements in dry figures. Some funds are nearly exhausted and heads of departments are "sailing close to the wind." The treasurer's balances on leading items are: Bridge, \$14,640 and common school, \$51,465.

Interest and sinking fund items are largest in these:

1901, water works	\$31,981
1902, sewer bonds	28,568
1904, water bonds	23,750
1905, water works bonds (O. R.)	20,935
1907, water works bonds (O. R.)	20,927
Reserve fund	19,829
Water revenue	75,900

The department of public works stands partly thus: Engineer's, \$16,420 street department trust, \$26,078.

Bond improvement funds stand:

1905 water works bonds (O. R.)	\$57,220
Main sewer bonds, 1908	296,389

Receipts and expense from the general ledger from November 30 to November 20, 1907, show a total of \$26,099,570.

The big items cited are:

City of Los Angeles	\$12,888,183
Water revenue	1,100,045
Tax account	3,012,813
Funds outstanding	6,796,527

### MARIE CAHILL COMING

Great things are expected from "Marrying Marie," in which "smart" musical play Marie Cahill will be seen with the original Daly's theater production at the Mason, December 29.

### HEARING OF DRESSER AND LIFRAND CASE POSTPONED

The hearing of Jacob Dresser and Louis Lifrand, bankrupts, was continued two weeks yesterday by Judge Olin Weiborn of the federal court, before which they were cited to appear and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt.

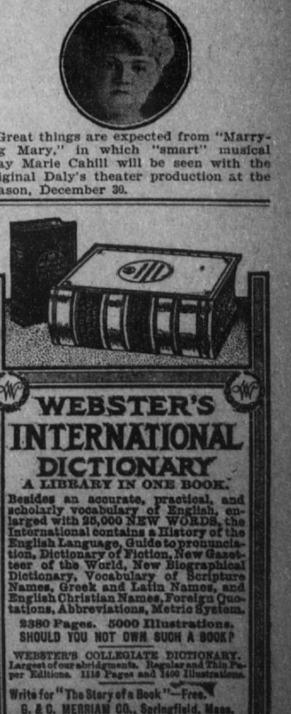
The failure of the men to obey the order of the referee in bankruptcy to turn over to creditors goods or money said to have been hidden and valued at \$5000 is the cause of the action.

### GARVANZA PARK SITE NEEDED AS RESERVOIR

Because the proposed park site is needed as a reservoir for a water company, the plan to set aside several acres in Garvanza for a public park has been temporarily abandoned by the park commissioners.

Mayor Harper presided at the meeting yesterday, set ahead because Wednesday is Christmas, and the park question was the principal business taken up.

Probably some other acreage will be found nearby.



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