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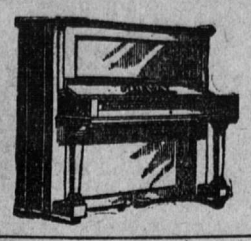

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CHEERFUL BAND MEETS AT CENTRAL STATION

All Are Musically Inclined and Insist on Entertaining Officers at Jail with Their National Songs

"Oh, we are a cheerful band," sang one man over and over again, without change of word or tune, but the monotony of the joyful words but doleful sound was broken by the musical efforts of his companions.

There were ten of them, and they were taken to the police station filled with the stuff that cheers. That they were well filled could be told from their gladsome dispositions and the affectionate manner in which they patted the officers on the back, while the said officers with apparent effrontery stuck their hands into the prisoners' pockets and hauled forth miscellaneous assortments of nails, papers, coins, toothpicks and matches.

And they were all musically inclined, even if not musically perfect. Patriotism filled their souls with a plenitude equaled only by the abundance of spirits that filled their bodies. A number of nationalities was represented in the gathering at the desk sergeant's window. There were two Irishmen, one of whom sang with a rich brogue, while his companion clasped him fondly about the waist and in trying to accompany him in his musical effort, succeeded in mumbling the last two or three words of each line some seconds after they had been uttered:

Oh, Paddy, dear, and did you hear
The news that's going 'round;
The shamrock is forbid by law
To grow on Irish ground.

Thus they sang, while a round-faced German leaned heavily against the little window and tried to drown their voices with:

While the German blood still flows,
The German sword strikes mighty blows;
On for the Rhine, the German Rhine!
Who shields thee, my beloved Rhine?

A black-haired Mexican threw his hat inside the office while he hummed the strains of "A Spanish Cavalier." A man with well-knit figure and ruddy countenance howled out "Rule Britannia."

A quartet stood a few feet from the rest of the group.

"'Tis the star-spangled banner, and long may it wave," they sang, and a number of passersby who had stepped inside the station door smiled broadly from sheer good fellowship.

Christmas was over for them. It had ended early, but gloriously, and they were happy.

PRISONERS AT JAILS ENJOY MERRY REPASTS

Prisoners at the county and city jails yesterday were not forgotten by those in charge of the institutions, and the tables at which they sat to partake of Christmas dinner were laden with good things.

Chief of Police Kern made happy forty men who had been sentenced shortly before Christmas for drunkenness by ordering their release, and almost a score of "drunks," arrested Tuesday night, were turned out on instructions of Lieut. Murray.

A substantial dinner of exceptional variety was served at the city jail. The meal consisted of roast pork, chicken, three kinds of vegetables, pie, cakes and coffee, and the number partaking of the repast reached nearly 200. The young women of the Memorial Baptist church and the ladies of the Fellowship furnished the greater part of the edibles, while Jailer McCauley donated the chickens.

A dinner consisting of soup, roast beef, vegetables, bread and butter, pies, ice cream, fruit and coffee was served the prisoners at the county jail, and each man was given a liberal amount of tobacco.

Members of the Woman's Christian Temperance union and the Los Angeles Fellowship, which organizations donated a large part of the dinner, gave a social entertainment to the prisoners in the afternoon. It consisted of songs and addresses.

The women's department was tastefully decorated with holly wreaths arranged in a manner to hide, in a measure, the bare walls and unsightly bars. Phyllis Hammel, daughter of the sheriff, served ice cream to the women prisoners.

MECHANIC NEAR DEATH AS RESULT OF FALL FROM CAR

John Delozier, a mechanic living at the St. Lawrence rooming house on East Fifth street, fell from a Main street car between Second and Third streets last night and was literally scalped.

He also sustained a concussion of the brain and a possible fracture at the base of the skull.

He was operated on at the receiving hospital by Drs. Garrett, Tanner and Cook. He will probably die.

Herald Patterns

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The young girl of today is a very fastidious person indeed in regard to her clothes, and the fond mother is, as a rule, only too glad to meet her views in the matter of becoming apparel. The stylish suit sketched will appeal to the tastes of both mother and daughter, being at once unobtrusive and up-to-date. The coat is of the short cutaway variety, semi-fitting and finished in tailored fashion with stitched seams. The skirt is cut in five gores, the fullness being disposed in tuck pleats that are stitched to position over the hips while flaring modishly at the hem. Blue serge was used for modeling the skirt, though panama cloth, cheviot, broadcloth or any of the novelty suitings would be appropriate. For the 16-year size, four yards of fifty-four-inch goods will be needed. Sizes, 14, 15, 16 and 17 years. The price of this pattern is 10 cents.

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SEVERELY INJURED BY FALL FROM HORSE

W. L. Nichols Suffers Concussion of the Brain—Man and Woman Hurt in Street Car Accidents

W. L. Nichols, who lives at Third and Hill streets, was thrown from a horse which he was riding on Hill street, between Fourth and Fifth, last night and sustained a concussion of the brain and several lacerations of the scalp. He was taken to the receiving hospital.

George Matigo of San Diego, stepped from a Garvanza car at East Main street and Avenue Twenty while it was in motion and was thrown to the ground. He received a severe scalp wound and a slight concussion. He was taken to the receiving hospital where Doctors Tanner and Cook attended him.

Mrs. M. J. Phye of 1031 Wall street, was struck by an outbound Maple avenue car at Eighth street and Maple avenue last night and tossed fifteen feet to the sidewalk. She was severely bruised and sustained a slight concussion of the brain. She was removed to the receiving hospital, where it was found her injuries were not serious.

An Opinion

"Where," quoted the poetic person, "are the snows of yesteryear?"

"I don't know," answered Mr. Sirius Barker; "but it's no credit to the street cleaning department that they aren't lying precisely where they fell."—Washington Star.

ALL CHURCHES OBSERVE DAY

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS FEATURE SERVICES

THRONGS LISTEN TO INTERESTING ADDRESSES

Places of Worship Decorated with Beautiful Flowers—Charitable Organization Take Care of Many Worthy Poor

Long before daylight yesterday morning the city was astir with churchgoers and those who were not yet up heard the steady patter of feet passing and repassing to the churches, while everywhere on the bright California morning was the gladsome greeting of "Merry Christmas."

It was a typical California day, warm as midsummer, with a riotous bloom of flowers to make the Californians feel at home and the eastern guests within the portals of the City of the Angels feel as though they were in paradise.

In all the churches of the Catholic and Episcopal denominations, large and small, was to be seen a wealth of blossoms, all waving in adoration to the Babe of Bethlehem. The California poinsettias, the blood-red stars, were most in evidence and made a bright color in cathedral and chapel alike.

Nearly 2000 years ago, in a shed-cave in Bethelehem of Judea, the infant Re-Redeemer of the world first saw the light of day, and yesterday from one end of the city to the other the day was marked with joyous acclaim. Bells pealed forth the glad tidings of peace on earth, good will to men; preachers and priests proclaimed the glad tidings: "For unto you this day, in the city of David, a child is born, whose name is Christ the Lord."

Choirs sang the praises of the Babe of Bethlehem; men and women extended glad tidings and everywhere the faces of little children were radiant with joy, reflecting the brightness of the sunshine.

From before dawn until after the noon hour churches were filled with devout congregations, and again last night many services were held, all with the one thought of the birth in the far off hills of Judea of the Babe who was to be the Man of Calvary's hill.

DAY ONE OF MERRYMAKING SAYS EPISCOPAL PASTOR

At St. Paul's pro-cathedral Dr. J. J. Wilkins, dean and rector, preached the Christmas sermon yesterday morning before a large congregation. He said in part:

"Christmas day is the blessed festival of peace on earth and good will toward men; it is the time of home gatherings and family reunions, the day which, of all days, is laden with sweet and hallowed memories and visions of the past, the visions of the face that bent over us in childhood's days and rested and satisfied us as only a mother's face could.

"It is the day when the gladsome song: 'Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward men,' sounds from pole to pole and echoes around a rejoicing world. It is the day when children's hearts are full of glee, when joy beams from the eye and laughter bubbles from the lips. If its spirit could but rule, if nations, statesmen, priests and kings would but submit to its sway the drums of war soon would cease their martial beat.

"The first message of the Lord is that to the poor. Our Lord was poor. Christianity came to the poor. Its first announcement was to the poor—to the poor shepherds watching their flocks by night, the heavens flashed forth their glory and fluttered the radiance of angel wings.

Describes Humble Birth

"And however poor we may be we are not so poor as was the holy child. Our homes, however plain and humble, are not so plain and comfortless as was the cattle shed. No Christmas comforts for the Babe of Bethlehem, only the straw and hay of the manger-cave. No feast for Him, only the barley bread of Galilee. No clothing, warm and fine, for Him, only the one garment woven without a seam. He was born of the poor, He companioned with the poor and He founded His church upon the poor.

"He came to make poverty sacred, not because poverty is in itself more sacred than riches, but because the lot of the poor is the lot of the many and because it needs the inspiration of the immense hope that lies in the fact that He who was rich became poor that we who are poor might become rich.

"Some of you are rich. The manger has a message for you as well as for the poor. 'Come,' it says; 'come ye also to the cradle of your Lord.' What is the meaning of the message of the cradle, which, in vision, lies before us now, if not that we, too, may give of our substance as did the wise men of old?"

ALL NATIONALITIES CELEBRATE AT BETHLEHEM INSTITUTE

Nowhere in Los Angeles has Christmas been celebrated in a more cosmopolitan manner than at Bethlehem Instsitutional church, where the story of the babe in swaddling clothes has been told in many different tongues with many different customs.

Christmas at Bethlehem church began Thursday with a celebration for the older Russians of the colony near the church and Friday night two celebrations were held for the Japanese and Greeks.

Monday night a general Christmas celebration was held at the church, corner Railroad and Main streets, and Tuesday afternoon for the Japanese children.

Tuesday evening the Spanish school was entertained and on the same night the church was occupied with a celebration by the Spanish Presbyterian church with a celebration for the Mexicans.

Christmas day at Bethlehem was a day of activity from early morning until late at night.

The main effort of Rev. Dana W. Bartlett, the presiding angel at Bethlehem, was the furnishing of the substantials of life to many Mexican families who find themselves almost on the point of starvation at this time of the year.

The discontinuance of section work by the railroads has put about 500 Mexican families in a destitute condition, and to these Rev. Mr. Bartlett and his helpers took Christmas cheer yesterday in the shape of sacks of flour, meal, beans and other necessaries of life. There were no dainties passed out, but the sacks were welcomed everywhere with grateful thankfulness.

Many in Want

Rev. Mr. Bartlett states many of the Mexican families are in desperate straits and that they are investigating every case and only giving to the most needy. Bethlehem church has been made a general depot for supplies by the generous people of Los Angeles and within the past few weeks many families have been helped to celebrate the joyful season with true feeling of thankfulness.

Last night the men who make the Bethlehem hotel their home were given a house party by Rev. and Mrs. Bartlett and their daughters in their own apartments in the institution.

The affair was made a home gathering in every sense of the word for the fifty or sixty men who call it "home." The evening was spent in a pleasant, informal way, a pleasant musical program being furnished.

This afternoon the Russian children will be given a regular Christmas tree at 3 o'clock and tomorrow evening a Christmas play will be given in the bath house hall by children of the neighborhood.

Monday afternoon the children of Sonoratown will be given an entertainment in the New High street branch, and in the evening the Italian children will enjoy the same treat. Tuesday evening the Christmas play will be repeated in the church at Railroad and Main streets.

The work of Bethlehem church extends to so many nationalities and to people of varying ages it was found impossible to hold one Christmas festival for all, and the nationalities were grouped and given their various exercises separately, each with the traditions of the nation carried out as far as possible.

MANY HEARTS GLADDENED BY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

The Volunteers of America played Santa Claus for 500 children yesterday who would otherwise perhaps have gone without Christmas joy. In not mere toys and fruits did the Volunteers bring happiness to the childish heart, but in warmth and comfort in the days to come did they celebrate the day made sacred to childhood.

For weeks the Volunteers have been receiving pennies, nickels and dimes in order to make the distribution of yesterday a possibility, and for many days the members have been busy looking into the cases, finding the truly needy and those who were cared for.

Yesterday orders were given to about 500 children for two pairs of stockings, a pair of shoes and a suit of underwear each, these orders to be honored today at a down town department store.

Last night the children were gathered at the headquarters on First street to participate in a regular Christmas entertainment, with a program of songs and recitations.

The central attraction for the children was a huge Christmas tree, which reached nearly to the ceiling and which contained a present for each one. When Santa Claus appeared the fun reached its height, and later in the evening each child went away happy with fruits, candy and a toy.

Aside from this the orphans in the Maud Ballington Booth home, on Twenty-third street and Vermont avenue, were given a joyous Christmas by the Volunteers.

Today food will be distributed to many needy families by the Volunteers, who have expended fully $1500 in making the day joyous as well as caring for the needy of Los Angeles.

Major William Hughes, the presiding officer, and officers and members of the corps were kept busy handing out the many good things, and last night were tired but happy.

MAMMOTH MEETING HELD AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The class of Rev. John Freeman of the First Methodist church, said to be one of the largest class meetings known in the denomination, observed its eighth anniversary with a mammoth meeting in the Sunday school room of the church yesterday morning.

Last year Francis Murphy was one of the principal speakers, and this year a large portion of the time was devoted in eulogizing the dead temperance apostle. William Murphy, who has taken up his father's work in Los Angeles, was present and paid a touching tribute to the memory of his father and spoke of the gospel temperance work in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, the blind singers, took part in the service and were presented with a substantial purse, the gift of women of the church.

Dr. Robert McIntyre, the pastor; Rev. Hugh K. Walker, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, pastor of the First Baptist church, were among the speakers.

One of the interesting topics of the meeting was the telegram from Bishop John Hamilton, bishop of California, who is a member of the class.

Following is the telegram, which was read at the service:

"To me Christmas commemorates the all-in-all of my life—hope, happiness and destiny. It brings to my faith the immaculate, indispensable Presence, by whom all things consists, and without whom nothing can exist. It is the anniversary that quickens and assures me anew of my confidence in Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, who himself said: 'Without me ye can do nothing,' and who induced Paul to say: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.'"

IMPRESSIVE SERVICES ARE HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH

Christ church observed the day with the impressive services which mark celebrations at this church. The decorations were especially elaborate and were in green and red, smilax and holly, being used in an effective arrangement about the rood screen.

The musical program was also of an elaborate nature and was under the direction of John Douglas Walker.

Early communion was celebrated, followed by a second celebration at 10:30 o'clock with a sermon by Rev. Baker P. Lee. Mr. Lee took for his text the general theme of the day, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

He spoke of the babe of the long ago and his influence on mankind throughout the ages. Mr. Lee also emphasized the fact that this celebration of peace on earth was being observed with the peace bells ringing throughout the world.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES AID MANY SUFFERING FAMILIES

The Associated Charities had more calls than usual during holiday week this year and aid was extended to many of the worthy.

The organization let down the bars a bit to take in some individuals whose distress was apparent and turned away many men happy in the thought they had some friends left in their misfortune.

Most of the callers were given orders for baskets of supplies for medical or nursing service, and other aid which the association's auxiliaries enable it to extend.

A system of investigation prevails with this organized charity and misguided giving is thereby reduced to a minimum.

MANY ATTEND EXERCISES AT UNION RESCUE MISSION

As early as 7:30 o'clock last night the crowd which had gathered to attend the Christmas exercises at the Union Rescue mission at 606 East Fifth street had filled the large hall to overflowing.

The entertainment began at 8 o'clock and consisted of songs and recitations by the Sunday school classes, an interesting address by E. E. Leary, and last, but not least, a Christmas tree and a visit by Santa Claus, after which candies and sweetmeats were distributed through the audience.

Presents were given all the children of the Sunday school classes, and other little visitors who had not received a present before left the hall with arms overflowing with parcels and packages.

WOMAN DEFEATS THIEF IN FIGHT FOR PURSE

Young Man Arrested on Suspicion of Having Attempted to Rob Miss Myrtle Welch—Girl Severely Injured

Miss Myrtle Welch, 236 Winston street, was savagely attacked last night by a young man said to be Harry Hawkins, a roomer in the house, and was knocked almost senseless by him when she resisted his attempt to rob her, according to the story she told the surgeons at the receiving hospital, where she was taken for treatment.

Miss Welch said Hawkins spoke to her as she was entering her room, and when she turned to see what he wanted he grabbed her purse and tried to wrest it away from her.

She resisted and he struck her in the face three times, blackening her eye, cutting her lip and making an abrased wound on her cheek.

When she screamed for help Hawkins ran and was pursued by a number of roomers in the house. He was captured a block away by Patrolman Pautz, who, after a struggle, subdued him and lodged him in the city prison on suspicion.

The charge against him will be changed in court today.

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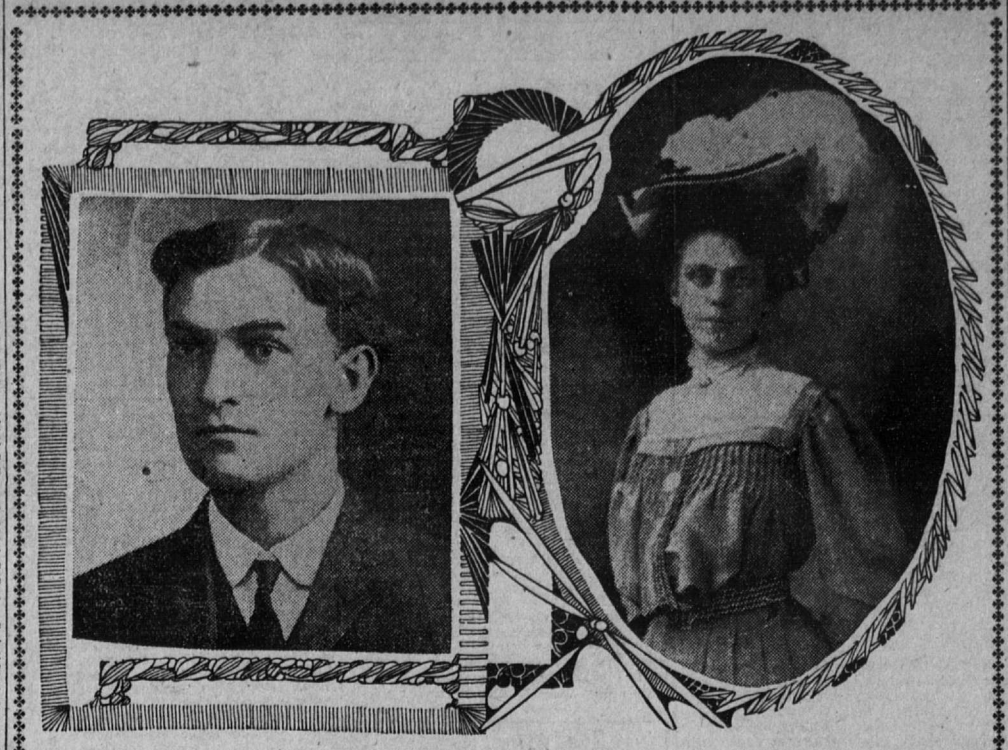
The first party, male or female, who puts up one thousand dollars in cash will be the president of this company.

My partner is in Chihuahua and I can communicate with him by wire, and I can procure samples of ore by express or freight.

Three Mexican deeds are held by me; also the stock book, papers of incorporation and the seal of the company. I am the active secretary and treasurer. Box 1013, Herald office.

Surprise Friends by Wedding at Dinner



MR. AND MRS. HARRY E. WISE

HARRY E. WISE of 904 East Forty-third street and Miss Ida Kunz of 1321 East Fiftieth street gave their friends a genuine surprise, greater than any Santa Claus had in store for them, by quietly celebrating their marriage at a family Christmas dinner yesterday at the home of the parents of Mr. Wise.

Mr. Wise is building a cozy home for his bride and their young friends had expected them to wait until its completion before the celebration of the happy event.

Mrs. Cora Meyer of Colorado, a sister of the groom, who is visiting here, was to be the guest of honor at a family Christmas dinner yesterday at the Wise home, to which Rev. C. J. Miller, city Methodist missionary, and Mrs. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Messenger of Hollywood were also to be guests.

The party was surprised by the announcement of the young people that their wedding was to be observed first and that the Christmas dinner was to be turned into a wedding feast.

Rev. Mr. Miller thereupon performed the impressive wedding ceremony and the afternoon was spent in congratulations. The event will come as a complete surprise to their many friends. The young couple are prominent members of the Vernon Methodist church.

WOMAN NURSES FOR NAVY IS SURGEON'S SUGGESTION

Dr. R. W. Plummer Says Present Service Must Be Improved—Army Methods Obsolete, Says Chicagoan

"Woman nurses should be employed in the United States navy, in order to raise the naval medical service to its highest standard of efficiency." This is the opinion of Dr. R. W. Plummer, passed assistant surgeon of the United States naval medical service, who spoke at the opening session of the national legislative council of the American Medical association in the Auditorium hotel at Chicago.

A bill for the establishment and organization of a corps of trained woman nurses in the navy was recommended to congress. It provides that woman nurses be employed in naval hospitals on shore in time of peace, and on hospital and ambulance ships in time of war.

Pays Tribute to Women

In discussing the measure Dr. Plummer paid a high tribute to the efficiency of woman nurses.

"Physicians and surgeons recognize that woman nurses have come to stay," he said. "Up to the present time we have had to get along without women nurses, and the reports from the army surgeons show the army medical service has been raised to a higher standard.

"We know that woman nurses are essential to the highest standard of efficiency of the naval medical service. Their assistance is as necessary to the naval surgeon as to the medical men of the army. Physicians everywhere favor woman nurses."

"Dr. Plummer added that the proposed corps of woman nurses was not intended to supersede the regular hospital corps. The new corps, he said, was intended as an auxiliary force.

The gathering, which is the annual meeting of the council, devoted the morning session to routine business. Twenty-two members of the council were present from many states.

Dr. Frederick R. Green of Chicago, secretary of the council, asserted in his report that the medical service of the United States army is far inferior to that of the Japanese army. He said that is largely due to the fact that army surgeons have not sufficient authority over the hospitals. He was explaining why the council had come out strongly in favor of the pending bill providing for the reorganization of the army medical service.

Recommend Reorganization

The following bills were recommended by the council:

Reorganizing and increasing the efficiency of the hospital corps of the United States navy.

Authorizing the appointment of dental surgeons in the navy.

Granting pensions to the widows of Dr. James Carroll, Dr. Jesse W. Lazear and Surgeon General William Hammond.

Dr. Carroll and Dr. Lazear died from yellow fever in the experiments which proved that the microbe of the disease is carried by the mosquitoes. Dr. Hammond refused to accept pay for his services during his term of office. The widow now is in comparative poverty.

The army medical service reorganization bill will be considered, Maj. Edward L. Munson of Fort Sheridan coming to discuss the measure.

An important subject to be considered will be the report of the committee on federal and state regulation of public health.

SLAP CURES DEAFNESS; LAD'S ASSAILANT FINED

Judge Assesses Man Who Administered Blow Five Dollars Because He Had No Right to Do It

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Though a slap with the palm of August Wyman's hand cured the deafness of the 11-year-old son of A. B. Groves, a prominent architect, Wyman was fined $5 for striking the boy. It was shown that just before the slap was administered the boy was so deaf that he could not hear Wyman's command to get away from in front of his tailor shop.

"My son was quite deaf from the day of his birth, but since he was slapped his hearing is greatly improved," said Mr. Groves in the witness stand.

"I will fine Mr. Wyman the minimum, $5," said Judge Taylor when this point in the trial was reached. "The defendant had no right to slap the boy."

MOST POPULAR PARKS BOTH HAVE LAKES

COST OF MAINTENANCE LESS THAN $50,000 IN YEAR

EASTLAKE AND WESTLAKE ARE KNOWN WORLD OVER

Thousands of Loads of Rock, Gravel, Loam and Manure Transferred to Keep Recreation Spots in Condition

Secretary R. H. Mullally of the park board and Superintendent John G. Morley of the department have in their annual reports well indicated how much public work can be done economically, under the progressive administration of Commissioners William Humphreys, John N. Rushton, Jesse T. Walden and Franze Kern.

These commissioners visit all of the parks weekly with Mayor A. C. Harper as president ex-officio, and personal attention has been given during the year to the growing needs of the people's playgrounds and recreational centers.

Eastlake and Westlake parks are the most popular of the outlying parks, though more persons probably pass through City Hall and Central parks in the heart of the city.

Special attention is paid in the reports to the east and west, the large attendance, of course, increasing the cost of maintenance.

Eastlake Leads

Eastlake as usual has been the most popular of Los Angeles' parks, no doubt owing to the fact that there are more attractions there in the conservatory, the zoo, the Sunday band concerts and the popularity of the park for picnics.

Some good improvements of a permanent character have been completed—notably the clearing out of the south side of the large lawn where there are some very fine cypress trees. Walks have been laid out and some large beds and border planted to a choice collection of coniferous shrubs.

Rustic benches have been placed under the large trees close by the walk, and the borders have all been edged with curbing, the walks graveled, and a choice collection of flowering plants has been planted in the borders in front of the shrubs, which makes one of the most picturesque sections.

New Boat Pavilion

Another good improvement has been the erection of a commodious boat house and a refreshment pavilion of mission architecture. The old buildings have been torn down and removed and a new retaining wall built in place of the old one, and the low ground filled to grade. A twelve-foot walk of concrete has been made on the north and west side of the new building, and when the newly filled ground has been planted this will make a much better feature of the park.

The Eastlake conservatory has also proved as popular as ever. The show of flowers there during the spring and summer were much admired, the display of hyacinths, tulips, narcissus, lilies, lilacs, begonias, rhododendrons and orchids being finer than ever.

The crowds of people who visit the conservatory give constant proof how inadequate it is for the accommodation of visitors. It should be renewed with a larger and more modern structure, the commissioners say.

The water system has been added to by the addition of 1000 feet of one-inch pipe. Before some necessary improvements are made in the northeast section, however, more water at better pressure must be supplied.

Much Planting and Hauling

Two hundred shrubs and trees were planted during the year, and 1200 bedding and flowering plants were used.

The amount of hauling done includes 100 loads of red gravel, for repairing walks, 200 loads of manure used in the park, 350 loads of material used for filling and twenty-eight loads of stone hauled from Elysian park for the lake wall.

The new lath house, 200 by 26 feet, has been erected and repairs have been made in the green houses and conservatory.

From the conservatory at Eastlake 74,900 bedding and flowering plants were distributed to other parks and 39,700 still remain for distribution.

Expenses aggregate $28,311 of which $18,580 represents labor.

Why Westlake Costs

Westlake is one of the most expensive of the Los Angeles parks to maintain because of the poor character of the soil and the great amount of remodeling and reconstruction needed, because, when first improved, slipshod and cheap methods were used in the park, Superintendent Morley says.

The retaining walls and terraces on the north side of the park have no foundations and must be entirely done over, as most of the work is done with loose stone. Sixth street is to be paved, and bids have already been advertised for to build a permanent wall.

The knoll on the south side of Wilshire boulevard entrance has been cleared of the old lyceum horrida planted there years ago, the ground being trenched three feet deep and replanted to a choice collection of twenty-nine varieties of coniferous shrubs imported from Europe, 180 plants in all. All are doing well except ten.

New Construction

A retaining wall has been erected at the base of the knoll adjoining the drive, varying from three to six feet high, of selected cobblestone from the Arroyo Seco. This improvement will be of a permanent character.

The riprap around the lake has been repaired, but to do good work on a permanent basis it will be necessary to take out the lower gate at Seventh street and drain the lake; otherwise there will be a constant drain of money for repairs.

Two new lavatories of brick and cement have been erected on the north side of the park with all modern sanitary plumbing, and they are a great convenience to the people in that section.

During the year 18,000 bedding plants and 385 shrubs have been planted.

Beauty and Utility

Materials used and hauled include 119 loads of manure, 92 loads of gravel, 57 loads of loam, 260 loads of material for filling near the band stand, 41 loads of stone from Elysian park, 27 loads of cobblestone from the Arroyo Seco and Sycamore grove and 24 loads of sand from the Los Angeles river.

The lower section of the knoll below the palms will be planted with dwarf growing palms and plants of similar character. The shrubs now there will be grubbed out, as the change would make the park in that locality much more interesting and open up to view the beautiful palms which are now hidden by buckthorn growing there.

Expenses aggregate $18,872, of which labor cost $13,495.

It Occasionally Happens

The statesman oft will cause distress
By greedy depredations;
Proprieties with him are less
Than the appropriations.
—Washington Star.