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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.

Officer is Robbed During the absence of the family thieves entered the home of Officer H. W. Marden, 1504 Rockwood street, and made away with a valuable watch, a field glass and a suit of clothes.

Reports Theft to Police J. H. Coates, a guest at the Greater Los Angeles hotel, has reported the police the theft of a silver watch, pair of cuff buttons, a leather suit case, some clothing and two safety razors.

To Give Social and Smoker The Y. M. I. of the Sacred Heart church will give a social and smoker this evening at Cony hall to the men of the parish. Addresses will be made by Rev. P. C. Gay, Rev. L. P. Donleavy, Joseph Mesmer, T. B. Hays, G. W. McDonald and J. T. Nealon.

Woman Loses Suit The jury in the case of Mrs. Margaret J. Turner against the Los Angeles-Pacific railway yesterday returned a verdict for the defendant. Mrs. Turner brought suit for damages of \$15,000, claiming she had been seriously injured while alighting from a Hill street car last June.

Santa Ana Men Robbed F. C. Thompson and A. McDonald of Santa Ana, who arrived in Los Angeles Tuesday and secured a room at the Russ house on East First street, awoke yesterday morning and found that a thief had entered their room during the night and robbed them of a watch and all their money, amounting to nearly \$140.

League to Meet Friday The Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican league announces that it will hold its next meeting January 24, under the auspices of the South Pasadena Lincoln Republican club, at Herlihy hall on Mission street. The meeting will open at 8 o'clock and Lee C. Gates and Senator Charles W. Bell will be the speakers.

CITY BRIEFS Big cat show at Chutes Park, Jan. 23 to 26. Cups and medals in window at H. J. Whitley Co., 945 S. Broadway, 11 entries Tuesday.

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YOUTH DENIES THEFT OF STAMPS FROM POSTOFFICE Roy Brown, the boy arrested several days ago charged with the theft of \$38 worth of postage stamps from the post-office at Ocean Park, steadily refuses to admit his guilt, and declares there is no truth in the statements that he exhibited a number of stamps the night of the robbery.

Brown also says the statements attributed to him two weeks ago to the effect that two other boys had done the stealing were false. A further investigation is being made by Deputy Sheriff Sepulveda, and the boy, who is now in the detention home, will appear before Judge Wilbur Friday. Brown has been on probation for several months because of his admitted part in the robbery of gas meters.

A Cure for Malaria I have found a cure for the malarial malaria poison produces," says R. M. James of Louisville, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50-cent bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at Dean's drug store.

MISS STONE AS MARY SECOND WEEK OF "THE HOLY CITY" ANNOUNCED Several hundred persons were turned away from the Auditorium yesterday afternoon, where "The Holy City," as presented by the Ferris company with Miss Florence Stone in its leading role, has apparently entered upon another long run. Last season this play crowded the Theater Beautiful for five weeks, the management being compelled to give extra matinees to accommodate the crowds.

Yesterday the advance sale for the remainder of the week had already assumed such proportions that Manager Ferris announced a second week of this tremendously popular play. Miss Stone does her most finished work as Mary of Magdala, and in the opinion of some thousands who have seen her in the role finds it in her best part.

The matinee audience yesterday was quick to appreciate also the acting of Florence Barker, who appears only in the first act, but who, as Micah, does what may justly be termed the best work of her career to date.

May Engage Miss Stoddard Miss Blanche Stoddard, formerly of the Belasco theater, may be seen in Los Angeles as leading woman of another stock company, or she may go to Portland. Yesterday afternoon Miss Stoddard had a long conference with Manager Baker, who has stock houses both in Denver and in Portland and who is now in Los Angeles looking over the local field with a view to establishing a third company here. No announcement has been made as yet, but there have been rumors that Mr. Baker may put a company into the Auditorium following the conclusion of the Ferris season at that house.

Misses Rosecrans, Evelyn Harrison, Flora Hunter of San Francisco and Agnes Du Bois.

At Lankershim Mrs. G. A. Weir, an immensely popular and charming woman from San Francisco, is at the Lankershim for a few days. Mrs. Weir has just returned from a trip of six months in the east and is being cordially welcomed by her many friends in this city.

Dinner Guests Mrs. T. W. Brown of 2659 Romeo street had as dinner guests Tuesday evening Dr. and Mrs. George F. Board, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Healy, Mrs. O. J. Shatto of Hartford and Dr. Bradford P. Raymond of the Wesleyan university.

Mason-Jackson The marriage of Miss Ethel Gertrude Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson of 84 Hope street, and Vernon Mason, was solemnized last evening in Trinity M. E. church south, Rev. J. J. Pritchett officiating. The young people were attended by Miss Mary Jackson, sister of the bride, and Quay Smith. Mr. Mason has built a bungalow on East Fifty-second street, and they will be at home there after February 20.

Returned to San Francisco Miss Eleanor E. Johns and Miss M. O. Mayer, two charming young women from San Francisco who have been guests at the Van Nuys for several days, left for their northern home yesterday, going by boat.

MISSING MAN MAY HAVE MET DEATH IN THE SEA Clothing Found on Strand at Long Beach Indicates Suicide or Accidental Drowning of Central Avenue Lodger Missing from his room at 554 Central avenue, E. S. King, age 30, described as of medium height and fair complexion, was probably committed suicide or was drowned while bathing in the ocean at Long Beach. Clothing in which were several post cards addressed to E. S. King, 554 Central avenue, Los Angeles, was found under the auditorium at Long Beach yesterday morning. The articles of clothing found are coat, trousers and vest of blue serge, all in good condition; black derby hat, size about 6 1/2; pair Regal shoes, in good condition, size 6; stiff bodied white linen shirt, with attached cuffs, in which were gold collar and cuff buttons; turndown collar; blue and black four-in-hand tie with white dots; a Cambray quarter and a bunch of keys. The keys were in the trousers pocket, and a thermometer and a gold Masonic button were found in the vest. The clothing was damp and had probably lain in the sand for several hours. King arrived in Los Angeles during the month of November, and roomed at the address on Central avenue. He left Los Angeles and went east, returning to Los Angeles Christmas day. He had some money when he returned. He was unemployed, and two days ago stated his intention of hunting work. His relatives live either in Brooklyn or New York.

Will Talk on Wines The Los Angeles W. C. T. U. will meet in the First Methodist church, corner of Sixth and Hill, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. H. E. Hollingshead will speak on the subject of sacramental wines, the address to be followed by discussion.

Chains Attached to Anchors REDONDO, Jan. 22.—500 feet of heavy chain is today being fastened to each of the massive anchors preparatory to casting the anchors in the ocean to hold the Star Wave Motor barge.

Society

ONE of the most perfectly appointed of the winter's social functions was the reception given at the Alexandria yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Mark Sibley Severance, the occasion marking the formal debut of her daughter, Miss Marjorie. A large number of invitations had been issued for the affair, and during the hours of receiving the handsome banquet room was thronged with beautifully gowned women and their escorts, who came to greet the attractive guest of honor.

Receiving with her mother and sister was the elder daughter, Miss Severance, and women assisting were Mesdames Joseph H. Johnson of Pasadena, Henry T. Lee, I. N. Van Nuys, Harry Gordon of Riverside, James R. Pinkham, Jaro von Schmidt, Alfred Solano, Epes Randolph of Tucson, Ariz.; John F. Boyd of San Francisco, J. P. Jones of Santa Monica, George W. Rowan, William Curlett of San Francisco; Misses Susan Carpenter, Virginia Johnson, Georgina Jones of Santa Monica, Gertrude King, Mary Lee, Edith Marjorie, Mary Landry, Helen Newlin, Annie Van Nuys, Kate Van Nuys, Inez Ray, Fannie Rowan, Florence Rowan, Laura Solano, Caroline Trask, Louise Boyd and Ethel Curlett of San Francisco.

About 100 young people, among the number being many of the season's debutantes, were entertained with a dance in the evening, and an elaborate supper was served.

Barrow-french-Whiting Many friends will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Emily S. Whiting, widow of the late Dwight Whiting, and Eyre Barrow-french, which was solemnized at 9 o'clock yesterday morning in St. Matthias church, Rev. A. M. Smith reading the office at the Episcopal church, a few relatives and intimate friends were the only witnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow-french have gone east on a short trip and will be at home at 627 St. Paul avenue after February 15.

Miss Keating to Entertain Among the week-end events that are making Saturday a notable day on the week's calendar will be the party that Miss Keating is arranging in compliment to several of the season's debutantes. She will take her guests to the Belasco and afterward will entertain them at the Copper Kettle Tea room on Mercantile place, where a number of young men have been asked to join the party.

Miss Keating's guests will include Mrs. H. M. Russell, Mrs. Geoffrey Holterhoff, Jr., and the Misses Solano, Lella Hubertoff, Katherine Bashford, Mary Hubbell, Marjorie Severance, Charlotte Curlett, Maynard Welch, Katherine Clark, Kate Van Nuys, Lois Allen, Virginia Johnson.

Ebell Card Party A club card party will be given at the Ebell club house, 1719 South Figueroa street, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, February 29, Leap Year. Whist, bridge and 600 will be played.

Complimentary Tea Among the delightful affairs that are promised for the week end is the informal tea with which Mrs. Hancock Banning is entertaining Saturday afternoon in compliment to friends Albert Denil, and to Miss Mabel Horn of St. Paul, who is the house guest of Miss Grace Mellus of West Adams street.

Mrs. Banning has asked about 100 of the younger social set to meet these young women.

Matinee Party Mrs. George A. Ralphs of 1650 Arapahoe street, has invited to a matinee party which was followed by adjournment to Christopher's for tea and ice.

Mrs. Ralphs' guests were Meses, R. J. Northam, J. A. Prinsen, Ralph Hagan, W. O. Morton, Frank Bowers, E. F. Blinn, Thomas Hayward and Miss Grace Pease.

Afternoon Tea One of the pretty affairs of yesterday was the informal tea given by Mrs. H. W. Bryson and her sister, Mrs. E. E. Bryson, at the home of the latter, 2890 Ellendale place.

Receiving with the hostesses were Meses, Ralph Dow, Howard Robertson, Edward Schroder, James Martin, Wm. M. Joyce, Paul Engstrum and Misses Ruth Sterry and Lucille Walton. Enchantress carnations and ferns were arranged in the reception room and in the dining room, while long-stemmed poinsettias and bamboo had place in the hall and library.

Guests were received from 3 o'clock until 5.

Card Matinee Mrs. D. A. Meekins of 1203 Arapahoe street was at home at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, whom she had asked to play whist.

The rooms were fragrant with clustered violets and roses in the dining room, where the guests were served at the conclusion of the games, pink carnations and ferns were used.

Mrs. Willis Dixon, Mrs. John Alving and Mrs. Frank B. Veasey secured the prizes, a water color in a gold frame, a china flower bowl and a vase.

Other guests enjoying Mrs. Meekins' hospitality were Mrs. D. M. Brown, W. H. Wagner, Copp, Thomas Hughes, Richard Beebe, William Strong, W. A. Morehouse, C. H. Matthey, Jeffries, Wheeler, N. A. Lewis, Allen, Ralph Vining, Hinzeman, Fred Alles, Inskoop, Arthur Reid, Farqua and S. C. Klous.

Large Card Party One of the larger private affairs of yesterday was the "600" party given by Mrs. H. F. Norcross at her Raymond avenue residence in the afternoon, when she entertained nearly fifty guests.

The hostess was assisted by her niece, Miss Anita Brown, Miss Stonehouse and Miss Leah Phillips, both of Pasadena. Enchantress carnations were used in profusion in the reception room, white were used in the living room, while the dining room was bright with scarlet geraniums and ferns. The prizes, a Bohemian glass compot, a cut glass bonbon dish and a framed picture, were awarded respectively to Mrs. J. H. Abbot, Mrs. U. S. Newlin and Mrs. Fred J. Osborne. The assistant's prize was drawn by Miss Stonehouse.

Other guests were Mesdames William E. Brewster-Smith, G. S. Couch, W. T. Hook, S. C. Silent, J. A. Baumgardner, H. C. Parrett, Wurdtsbaugh, S. M. Goddard, A. M. Jones, T. C. Paxon, R. T. Perry, C. B. Dickson, G. W. Randall, Lewis Randall, W. J. Allen, L. A. Stahl, W. W. McLead, S. S. Borthwell, J. C. Hill, Henry Ohlmeyer, Thomas J. Douglass, Joseph Kingman, Thomas J. H. Wilson, R. E. Gibbetson, John R. Berryman, W. M. Catlin, J. A. Eckard, J. B. Alexander, Paul Haupt,

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The Cosmos club is supporting two scholarships, and Mrs. Robert Howell, who has been in charge of the first boy, gave an account of his progress and gratitude for the opportunity that he is enjoying. Mrs. Charles Lewis has been responsible for the second scholarship, and in her report, Mrs. Root gave her report. The boys are doing so well and the club members were so delighted with the returns they are receiving in this investment in boys' nearly money enough to establish two more scholarships was subscribed yesterday afternoon, and there is no doubt that before the next meeting the necessary amount will have been pledged.

The next meeting, falling on the fifth Friday in the month, will be a social day. Mrs. Robert J. Burdette has promised to speak and will deliver an address on "The All-around Woman."

PASADENA COLLEGE YOUTH MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHES Rennie A. Walker, 22 years old, a college graduate, and son of W. H. Walker, is missing from his home in Pasadena and his parents have no clue as to his whereabouts.

They were missing from the Hotel Maryland, where his father stops, at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, and has not been heard from since. He left telling his parents that he was going night, but no unexplained was felt, as the young man frequently took long rambles in the mountains, staying away twenty-four hours at a time.

His failure to return after an absence of a week has led his parents to believe that the young fellow has met with foul play, or is the victim of an accident.

He is a member of the Y. M. C. A. When last seen he wore a light-colored soft hat; dark gray coat and pants; blue and white striped shirt; low shoes and black socks. He is of medium height, light brown hair and brown eyes.

SMOKE IN STOVE CAUSES ALARM TO BE TURNED IN Clouds of smoke issuing from the office of Dr. Bernhardt Zachau, a chiropodist, occupying room 1 in the three-story building at 215 West Fourth street, caused an alarm to be turned in.

A hook and ladder equipment, three hose companies and the fire tower responded, and upon arriving on the scene found that their services were unnecessary.

The chiropodist had stuck a lot of papers in a stove and started to them. The fire drew all right, but an obstruction in the chimney caused the smoke to enter the basement and fill the room.

FINED \$25 FOR GIVING LAWYER A BLACK EYE

SON PLEADS GUILTY; FATHER ASKS FOR JURY TRIAL

Load of Hay Is Cause of Alleged Assault and Battery Case—Defendants Say Attorney Refused to Pay Them

Ney Wolfskill and his father, John Wolfskill, were arraigned in Police Justice Chambers' court yesterday charged with having committed battery upon the person of Marshall Stimson, an attorney, in his office in the Mason building.

Young Wolfskill pleaded guilty and was fined \$25. His father pleaded not guilty and asked for a jury trial. He will be tried March 2.

According to the testimony, the two Wolfskills own a ranch near Corcoran and sold some hay to Stimson and his partner, H. G. Whitlock. The hay was delivered at the dairy in Kings county. Wolfskill claimed that for four months he had been endeavoring to collect the money due him and had been sent from Whitlock to Stimson and referred back to Whitlock, and had made trips from Corcoran to Los Angeles until patience ceased to be a virtue.

The Wolfskill entered the office of Stimson December 14 and demanded payment. They were told to see Whitlock. This incensed the younger Wolfskill who struck Stimson, giving him a black eye. The father is alleged to have held Stimson's arm while the son hit him.

Stimson broke away and left his office. Key Wolfkill followed him and they exchanged blows. Stimson entered another office and the two Wolfskills departed.

The attorneys for the defendant plough several witnesses on the stand for the purpose of showing extenuating circumstances. Stimson was placed on the stand and told the story of the encounter.

The opposing attorneys engaged in a squabble as to whether or not the bill for the hay was just.

NEED FOUR-MILE SEWER BEFORE PROCEEDING WEST Paving on Sunset Boulevard May Be Hindered Beyond Fanning Street Because of Topography

Sunset boulevard proceedings have taken a new turn through the report of Engineer W. T. Knowlton of City Engineer Homer Hamlin's staff relative to the request of M. W. Stephens asking that the paving of Sunset be pushed, regardless of the laying of sewer west of Fanning street.

Owing to the topography of the district west of the intersection of Coronado street and Sunset boulevard it is not feasible, the engineers say, to construct any sewer in Sunset boulevard west of either Coronado street or Fanning street until some date in the distant future.

When that time arrives an intercepting sewer must be built up the Arroyo de la Sacatela in order to provide a connection with the outfall sewer.

As such an intercepting sewer would be some four miles or more in length and cost from \$50,000 upward the engineers do not deem it advisable to consider the project until such time as interests involved warrant it.

POLICE RAID CLUB AND ARREST FIVE MEMBERS "Athenians" Are Accused of Gambling, and Gross of Cards, Two Bushels of Chips and Wagonload of Liquors Are Seized

The Athenian "club," an organization with a state charter, at 1256 East Ninth street, was raided by the police last night and M. Wooters, the keeper, and five members of the "club" were arrested.

Patrolmen Beaumont, Williamson, Glenn and Stevens made the raid and arrested, besides Wooters, F. Jones, "Hyde Smith," C. J. Billeter, F. Leverick and C. W. Algire, who were all charged with gambling. Wooters was charged with violating the liquor law.

A gross of cards, two bushels of chips and a wagon load of liquors were taken as evidence. The men will be arraigned in the police court this morning.

BOILERMAKER ARRESTED BY LONG BEACH CITIZEN Man Accused of Robbing Barber Shop Till is Apprehended on Broadway and Police Say He Has Confessed

D. O. Dougherty, a Long Beach boilermaker, was arrested on Broadway last night by Harry Willits, a citizen of Long Beach, on a charge of robbery. Dougherty was placed in the city jail and a Long Beach officer will take him back today.

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