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CLEAR, CRISP AND CLEAN



AT THE THEATERS

AUDITORIUM—No performance. MASON—No performance. BELASCO—"The Girl of the Year..."

COERCION

BY an unwarrantable interference with the liberties of a most useful and responsible class of citizens, opponents of the eight-hour law are seeking to create the impression...

When an employe is approached by the bearer of a petition, and when that petition bearer happens to be the means of conveying to the railway employe that this is a broad and butter question...

When men frequent such places as the risk of their going to jail and place in the world, they will think twice of before they enter one; and with the loss of trade the human values will be forced to abandon them...

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Far and Wide

Reformation of Hisgen

When Tom Hisgen ran for governor of Massachusetts in 1907 he "astonished the natives" by polling 70,000 votes, and he became very much inflated, politically...

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Texas has over a hundred thousand bachelors. But we are not told whether they would be rescued from other states—Randsburg Miner.

New Recruit

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FAIR PLAY

MELANCHOLY looking posters, printed in a defunct shade of blue, are giving this whining message to the public: "All I ask is fair play. A. C. Harper." Mayor Harper has a right to ask for fair play. But this public demand for it is insulting to the people of Los Angeles...

The members of the recall campaign committee have not violated the rules of fair play. Neither has any citizen who has taken part in the fight for a clean city. Personally, Mr. Harper has been most leniently dealt with.

Personalities might have been indulged in and pictures might have been used which would have made him a sadder although perhaps not wiser man than he is today. But the campaigners for cleanliness have aimed at conducting a clean campaign, even although this has caused them to lay aside some ammunition which campaigners of another type might have considered especially effective.

Mayor Harper has been treated with the utmost consideration. He knows better than to believe his own assertions and those of his supporters that the recall agitation was the result of a series of surprising and shocking discoveries which have shaken the faith of citizens in the mayor, and have made them believe he is not only morally an unfit person to hold office, but that from a business point of view it is undesirable that his administration should be continued.

This is a clean and businesslike city, and for mayor it must have a clean and businesslike man. George Alexander is such a man, and Los Angeles is fortunate in having the opportunity to use his services at this crisis, when integrity, honesty and ability are needed for the protection of the interests of this community.

Los Angeles is already great, and Greater Los Angeles is now assured. Greater Los Angeles needs a greater mayor than A. C. Harper. The decent people of this decent city must work for the election of George Alexander, a decent citizen who as mayor will represent them decently.

SHEAR NONSENSE

HAIR cutting is a fine art as well as a science. This fact is recognized in the east, where there are hair cutting competitions. The champion barber of the Italian Master Barbers' association is named Zingali, who says he is not related to Svengali.

There are now four popular styles of hair cutting—the military, the kaiser, the square or American, and the pompadour. We are glad to learn that the square is another name for the American. It is right that America should do everything on the square, from electing and inaugurating presidents to cutting hair.

Most of our presidents have been well thatched. An absolute, tee-totally hair-forsaken president is almost unknown. When Senator David B. Hill was courting the Democratic nomination his wool began to come out, and in spite of his endeavors to avert catastrophe it totally filled him, leaving him ineligible for the coveted honor. If we may judge them by their pictures, our earlier presidents were longhairs. This makes it difficult to say whether or not they were bald-headed, because in the days of long hair men who could not qualify by reason of nature were allowed to resort to subterfuge and wear wigs.

In Los Angeles, where we are a little ahead of the world in everything, a college for barbers has been established. Here the young idea learns how to clip. Somebody tried to start up an ear insurance agency next door, but the president of the college said the insurance man was a grafter, and he and the faculty charged shears and ran him out of town and almost through the body—which they would have done if he had not been a lightning printer.

When he reached a safe place he told a sympathizing crowd he had had a hairbreadth escape and a chin belted him. Now that the Ananias club has been dissolved, the public will be amazed at the alacrity with which truth crushed to earth will rise again.

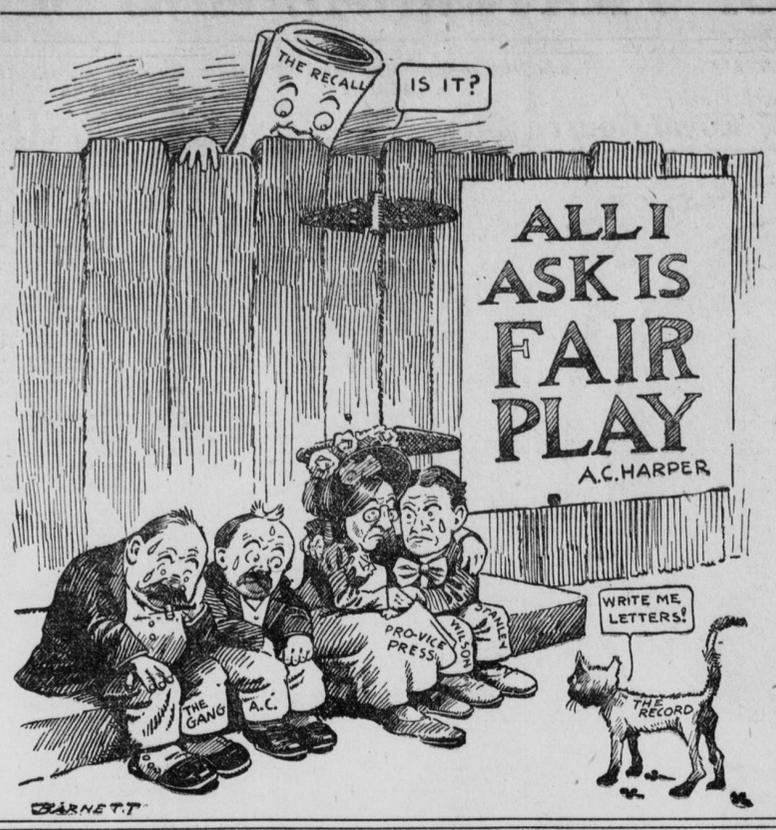
PARSIMONY AND POVERTY

HARRIMAN, interviewed at El Paso, said to a newspaper man: "I see you are wearing your last year's coat. So am I, and so generally are all other people. I think the tendency to economize in nearly every business as well as in individual cases is responsible." All right, Brer Harri-man. Loosen up, old man; loosen up. Example is better than precept.

The incident reminds us of an interview between a member of the Vanderbilt circle and a reporter for a New York paper. "Ah, my dear Mr. X," said the interviewee, a Vanderbilt son-in-law, "riches are not everything in this world." "No," said the reporter, looking at the fortune in books, statury, pictures and bric-a-brac scattered about the library, "but you must admit they come a blank of a handed way toward being a good deal." The son-in-law never completely recovered from his astonishment.

Mayor Harper has either been singularly unlucky in his appointments or he is easily fooled. Many of his official appointments have turned out to be disappointments.

The Persecuted



TARIFF AND PRICES

IN AN interesting article, doubly interesting because it shows a change of sentiment in mercantile New York, the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin reduces the doctrine of high tariff to a neat and palpable absurdity. Our eastern friend says the doctrine spread that the way to get to the top of the fence was to lift yourself by the waist band. Protection bred protection and put up prices and the cost of living and of doing anything all along the line.

America is the greatest agricultural country on earth, and the world is the market for its agricultural products. If it were not for American farmers the British would have been starved to death long ago.

What the farmers had to fear from the competition of nations they were feeding cannot be imagined by any ordinary brain, but evidently it appealed to some extraordinary Republican cranium, with the bump of protection strongly developed, for the farmers got protective duties on grain and vegetables, on cattle and on hens' eggs. These duties have never done the deluded farmers the slightest bit of good in the world.

They couldn't, because countries that are gasping for American farm products, and would come to grief if deprived of them, are not at all likely to have any surplus farm products of their own to send into the United States to compete with ours.

Our farmers who feed the British islands surely do not need to be protected from the competing products of the farmers of the British islands. But our farmers who produce our chief surplus for export and have absolutely nothing to fear from foreign competition were infected by the protection fever, and got duties on grain, vegetables and cattle and on hens' eggs. Naturally enough, these duties have by no means compensated the farmers for the high prices of various articles they imported, and of domestic articles that would compete with imported if the latter were not loaded with duties and kept down or out.

When the woolen manufacturers got protection the wool growers demanded it. When the shoemakers craved and obtained protection the leather tanners and hid growers asked where they came in, and demanded protection. When the users of machinery got protection makers of machines and producers of the materials of which machines are made came to the front with their demands for protection. Cost and prices were put up all around in the manufacturing world, and farmers and fruit growers and industrial people were forced to appeal for protection, not so much against foreign competition as against the prices they had to pay for articles used by them in their business!

In order to protect themselves against protection they obtained protective duties on the articles they sent to domestic markets, and UP went prices in domestic markets. Then the people who had to pay extra prices for staples began to say, "Look here, if these fellows make us pay such prices we must obtain prices that will enable us to pay these prices." And so there was another artificial increase in values. It resulted in a most unnatural business condition, and one constantly exposed to danger because of its fundamental insecurity and instability.

Indeed, the financial panic illustrated one phase of the danger by showing our great industrial country protected against protection they obtained protective duties on the articles they sent to domestic markets, and UP went prices in domestic markets. Then the people who had to pay extra prices for staples began to say, "Look here, if these fellows make us pay such prices we must obtain prices that will enable us to pay these prices." And so there was another artificial increase in values.

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In the consolidation campaign workers for Greater Los Angeles are the Americans. The other fellows are the Tories. Be a good American and work and vote for consolidation.

President Taft is coming to California. We will promise to ratify that inauguration of his under far more agreeable climatic circumstances than those he encountered at Washington.

All loyal citizens of Los Angeles will vote for Greater Los Angeles. We anticipate the defeat of the obstructionists by an overwhelming majority.

CONGRESSIONAL REFORM

APPARENTLY despairing of arriving at any methods of congressional reform by way of congress itself, an eastern magazine has been taking a straw vote on questions at issue. An overwhelming majority of the citizens addressed voted "NO" on the question, "Do you believe that Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois should be re-elected speaker of the house of representatives?"

An overwhelming majority voted "NO" in answer to the question, "Do you believe that the rules of the house should place in the hands of the speaker the power of determining the membership of the house committees?"

An overwhelming majority voted "Yes" in reply to the question, "Would you favor the plan of placing the power of appointing the committees in the hands of a special committee elected by the members and representing all sections of the country?"

An overwhelming majority gave the reply "Yes" to the question, "Would you favor the plan of having at least one calendar day in each week on which bills could be brought up and passed upon without securing the previous consent of the speaker?"

In short, the citizens of the United States are businesslike, whatever their "representatives" in congress may be; and, remembering the superior majesty of the people, are not "scared stiff" at thought of the majesty of the speaker.

We call attention to the fact that Savage has withdrawn the San Pedro-Wilmington pilotage bill, and that the Leeds bill has been amended by striking out the compulsory feature under which every foreign vessel entering the harbor would have to pay heavy tolls.

Los Angeles Herald pointed out what would be the result of the toll system taxing foreign and deep water tonnage. The success of San Pedro harbor must not be endangered by "striking" blundering, or amateur legislation. We are glad our counsel carried weight.

Gladsome is the sight of the sea, or even of a big water. "The sea, the sea!" cried the ancient warriors, and although the way had been long and the obstacles many, their strength was revived. The Canadian voyager, tired with a long "portage," suddenly gains new vigor. "Voilà le lac!" he cries, and dashes forward. Los Angeles is now fairly on the seashore. Behold, the ocean, the commerce of which this great maritime metropolis will conquer.

Vote for George Alexander for mayor. You may be the most eloquent orator in the world, and you may be able to talk convincingly of the great need of reform in Los Angeles municipal politics, but if you do not vote the tongue-tied young man who could not make a two-minute speech, but votes, has more "say" in the matter at issue than you have.

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The State Press

Only One Lucky

With the passing of E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin of Arcadia the state loses one of its most picturesque characters and one of the prominent pioneers. His life has been an interesting part of the history of the state, and will be entertainingly reviewed by writers for many years to come, as there was never but one Lucky Baldwin.—Santa Monica Outlook.

Farmer-Sailors

Many of the sailors on the great armored fleet that has just completed a voyage of over 4,000 miles around the world were born on farms, and never saw a ship or salt water until two or three years ago. Yet they have there has been too much grasping after the almighty dollar on the part of the so-called baseball "magnates," and if the support of the public is to be maintained for the national game this spirit must be brought to an end.

Limit to Revenue

Governor Gillett has a most unthankful task before him in sifting out the measures that have to do with appropriations. The trouble with most members of the legislature is that they do not realize that there is a limit to the revenue resources of the state.—Grass Valley Union.

Men Under Suspicion

Judge Gary, head of the steel trust, writes to say that the stock of the trust is all right. There has never been any doubt about that. Most of the apprehension is caused by the suspicious actions of some of the men associated with the trust.—San Diego Tribune.

Results of Advertising

B. A. Woodford, the wideawake general manager of the California Fruit Growers' exchange, has commenced a campaign of advertising throughout the middle west, and reports that amazing results have already been obtained.—Riverside Surprise.

Refugees

Texas has over a hundred thousand bachelors. But we are not told whether they would be rescued from other states—Randsburg Miner.

Breton Peasants Have Queer Methods of Housekeeping

THE Breton peasant has some charming qualities—courtesy, good humor, detachment from the prosaic side of life—but the virtue of cleanliness is not for him. The cottages are frequently very dirty and the approach to them is sometimes over a pile of refuse. There is nothing of luxury in a cottage interior, but you may generally count on two things to beautify even the poorest. One is the white coat of its mistress (always spotless, however dirty anything else may be), and the other is the brass trimming of the armchair, usually polished to a degree of brightness that is positively dazzling. Some of these armchairs are really beautiful, with elaborately carved panels, and in many cases are heirlooms that have been in the family for generations.

All Married Men Should Be Identified by Proper Title

WHEN a maid enters upon wedding lock she takes on a new title that all may be aware of her added dignity and responsibility. Not so with a man; he is addressed after marriage as he was before. The student of history can quickly tell the cause of this difference, and the question arises—is it just?

A man goes to a strange city to live for a short time, or to a summer resort for a vacation. Even if he has no sort of introduction his formal presentation to women, in a social way, comes about through accident or the comradship which prevails among men. Immediately he is introduced to a woman he knows by the title given her through the introduction. She has no means of ascertaining whether he is bachelor or benedict, except by inquiry, and sometimes that is unavailing or misleading. If the man conducts himself as though he were not married usually he is accepted for what he seems.

The possibilities for trouble here are plainly to be seen—in fact they are generally recognized. Every woman sees and feels the same thing, little and big, caused by them; every divorce court in the land gets a constant stream from them. Novels and plays are littered with them, says the San Jose Herald.

It is argued that if a bachelor were addressed by a title different from that which he would bear if married, a great part of the danger, not to mention the discomfort of the uncertainty, would be done away with. A married man, in the spirit of mischief, from unworthy motives, could assume the posture would be a hundredfold greater than they are now, especially when the new custom became fully established.

By the very least, this question, which has been raised by a few women in the east, is interesting. It affects everybody, especially the women and the unfortunates bachelors who are asked to bear the brunt of the proposed change.

Baseball Should Be Kept on a High Ethical Plane

PRESIDENT HARRY PULLIAM of the National Baseball league struck a vital spot when he denounced the sordid, money-mad spirit that has pervaded the baseball business in this country, and his denunciation should be heeded. His aim should be to take heed of what he says, for there is no one to speak with greater authority. There has been too much grasping after the almighty dollar on the part of the so-called baseball "magnates," and if the support of the public is to be maintained for the national game this spirit must be brought to an end.

The baseball managers who have been accused by Pulliam of being more for money than they do for the sport should take warning by the fate that has befallen horse racing. There was a time when horse racing was one of the chief sports of the American people, but it has since become a thing of few pleasures that will tolerate the corrupt and degenerate form of racing the present generation has known. The people everywhere leave it severely alone because they will not stand seeing a great national sport become a prey to money-grabbing, gambling practices.

The fate of horse racing will be that to which baseball will fall unless the magnates place a check on their hogish propensities. The game must be free from all gambling and corruption. Millions of Americans are willing to go miles to see the game, but they will not do so if the money-getting and gambling become features of the play. Keep baseball on a high moral plane.

The Public Letter Box

TO CORRESPONDENTS—Letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer. The Herald gives the widest latitude to correspondents, but assumes no responsibility for their views. Letters must not exceed 300 words.

ONE STANDARD OF MORALITY THE FIRST STEP NECESSARY

LOS ANGELES, March 5.—[Editor Herald]: I have been watching with interest the forecast of words going on between "Economist" and "Justice," and although they are very interesting letters, yet I can but feel that they are both striking out blindly without arriving at any conclusions. It is absurd to believe that, under any economic condition the "white slave traffic" is a necessity, and I believe that the first and foremost step to be taken to completely abolish such institutions will be to make and put into force the same standard of morality for men and women.

Once ostracized and kicked out, as the women are today, for one step from the path of virtue, and men will not dare to boast of sowing their wild oats, and later on by their wives and children; for they are the ones who pay the price. When men frequent such places as the risk of their going to jail and place in the world, they will think twice of before they enter one; and with the loss of trade the human values will be forced to abandon them. Thus in time men who have a restraint put upon their passions will imbue their children with the same control of their physical self, and it will be safe to say that the next generation will shudder at the mere thought of the lives their forefathers led.

The young man who has had the temerity to sow a crop of wild oats will be an outcast, as he justly deserves to be today. When there ceases to exist a market for women's souls there will cease to be further safekeeping by wiping out financial conditions that give a woman one-half the wages men are allowed for the same amount and kind of work. Inadequate wages have forced many a woman to sell her birthright that she may keep her soul attached to her body. L. A. H.

NOT ONE SPECIAL SEX, BUT CIRCUMSTANCES TO BLAME

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—[Editor Herald]: One should not agree with those who would bind me to the disadvantageous position of woman. Her place is not the part of a fixed plan made by man and accepted by woman. It is the result of circumstances and of the errors of both women and men. Hence it is both useless and unjust either to praise or blame. But when it comes to defending that position it is another question. Most of the defenses are made by persons who live in a fairland of imagination and gentility and concern themselves little with facts and conditions. C. F. says that women—married women—are privileged. Let us see. There is simply no regulation of the housewife. In many cases she has the eight-hour day with a vengeance—eight hours in the forenoon and eight hours in the afternoon. Pay for her work bears no relation to what work she does. Those who work hardest often get least. All she needs is her husband's credit, or luck in getting money, and his sense of justice or generosity in giving to her. Is this privilege? In reality she does not need, and ought not to have, privilege, but she should have opportunity. If a woman finds it necessary to work outside the home as so many women, both married and single, now do, they find great odds against them. In seventy-five industries recently examined by the bureau of labor it was found that men, for the same work and the same degree of efficiency, received 50 per cent more money than women. The law governing her contract would make a more equitable contract. A. H. D.

DR. LOCKE'S AUTHORITIES ALL BELONG TO THE CLOTH

LONG BEACH, March 6.—[Editor Herald]: "Consistency, thou art a jewel," as the chap said when he sold paste diamonds for real ones. A reverend gentleman is "wreaking his thought upon expression" from a Los Angeles pulpit, and his horror is the stage. He quotes Cardinal Gibbon, a Jewish rabbi and several other gentlemen of the cloth as indorsing his view. By a not remarkable coincidence all the quoted are, as is the author, theologians of the same generation. The one who is not a theologian is that the stage is corrupt, rotten, leading the gentle youth of the land down to—what's its name? they discriminate not. They allow no twilight zone exceptions to interpose and soften their wrath, and the sweeping ruin they would accomplish. Now, to a man up a tree it looks as though these gentry would accomplish more—allowing that they have spoken with fairly good motives—if they had said that Salome and Mrs. Warren and several more of the erotic, salacious—if they deserve the titles—plays are doing damage to the living generation, and should be censored off the boards, their place to be filled by "The Man of the Hour," "The Servant in the House," "The Winter's Tale," "Tip Van Winkle," and several more that might be mentioned. These are clean and wholesome. Maybe they don't knock the stage into the beauty of holiness, and then damning the box, is futile folly. It worked once, but mankind are wiser with the years. The wise and just always pick the place where they are to strike. Maybe these gentlemen can furnish the appetite for the drama, which is keen and intensely human, with some stage themes that would draw and not pollute. There's the story of Solomon, which is a leader to virtue in the weekly Sunday school. To be sure it would have to pass some lesson leaf expurgation, but considerable of an idyl could be saved out of Solomon and Sheba. Then there is Abraham, much loved of the Lord, whose life is fed to babes to teach them the beauty of holiness. Lucky these ancient manglers of the moral law lived then instead of now! And consistency continues to be a jewel. SENEX.