

UNION OF BEACH TOWNS FAVORED PROMINENT RESIDENTS GIVE VIEWS ON QUESTION MANY ARGUMENTS ADVANCED FOR CONSOLIDATION

Citizens of Santa Monica and Ocean Park Agree Imaginary Line Separating Cities Should Be Eradicated

(Special to The Herald.) SANTA MONICA, May 23.—The consolidation campaign which is being launched on Santa Monica bay, with a view of securing the amalgamation of the cities of Ocean Park and Santa Monica into one city, has brought many requests from those interested in the movement for a canvass of the prominent citizens of the bay...

The members of the Santa Monica city council have all been voted and works shown themselves in favor of consolidation. Councilman J. Euclid Miles, chairman of the finance committee, has spoken in favor of the consolidation. President Morris has expressed himself in the news columns of the daily papers and on the platform as being in favor of it.

Councilman Dow, Armstrong and Snyder have expressed their advocacy of consolidation, both in private and in public, so that there can be no question as to their position in the matter.

Imaginary Line Divides Cities

Dr. John A. Stanwood, vice president of the Venice chamber of commerce and a large and worthy owner of both Santa Monica and Ocean Park, said: "I believe thoroughly in consolidation on general principles, but I am not prepared to join in the opinion on the desirability of it in the present instance. If it can be done in an equitable manner and everybody is given a square deal I am in favor of it."

E. J. Vawter, jr., cashier of the First National bank of Ocean Park, said: "What do I think of consolidation? I think it would be a good thing. We are all the same people in both cities and nothing but an imaginary line divides us. We attend lodges at the north and south ends come here to our meetings. We are all bound together by the same interests, that of doing the best we can for our community."

"Consolidation would give us great prestige with outside financiers, and we would cut more figure in the world at large. I notice that there is complaint that the banks of Los Angeles will not make loans on our property here. If we were one big city this condition would disappear. They don't refuse to loan on Pomona and Pasadena property. It is the continual bickering that is looked at from the outside and it hurts us. Personally, I should like to see it come. You can put me down as being very much in favor of it."

G. M. Jones, president of the City Water company and a large property owner in both sections of the beach, said: "I believe consolidation would be the best for all of us. The consequence city would be so large it would be impossible for any one faction to control it. They might control a ward, but not the city. Another thing; there is a well defined movement on foot, although the details are not yet along to make public, for a harbor here and if the community will get together we can do something."

Property Would Advance

"I honestly believe if the two cities were consolidated my property would advance from 50 to 75 per cent in value and what is true of mine would be true of all the others. I can't see where it can hurt anybody's interest, but it will advance the prosperity of all. I am in favor of consolidation."

A. M. Montgomery, a leading merchant of North Santa Monica and Pier avenue, said: "I am very much in favor of consolidation. If worked out with fairness and properly conducted, it would be a big thing for this section of the country."

Ben S. Hunter, prominent attorney of Santa Monica, said: "The proposition is one on which I have spent very little thought, and I cannot express myself intelligently without going further into it. As it looks at present, one great benefit would be the assimilation of the various factions and would do away with one-man control."

John W. Linn, a property owner of the hill district, said: "I have expressed myself very fully at various times as being heartily in favor of consolidation and I look at present to do so more fully. Say that I am in favor of it for many reasons."

Arthur Meigs, formerly postmaster of

Public Men of Beach Cities Unite for Consolidation of All the Coast Towns



A. F. Webster



E. J. Vawter, Jr., Ident First National Bank



DANA BURKE

Ocean Park, and property owner in what is known as the Venice back country, replied: "Without seeing any thing, I do not know for it. I don't see how we can be any worse off than to be two separate communities."

Bickering Retards Growth

Frank E. Bundy, one of the large property holders of Santa Monica, and a life-long resident of that city, was emphatic in his views on consolidation. Said he:

"I am in favor of consolidating Ocean Park, Venice and Santa Monica into one city for a great many reasons. I have always believed that this never should have been but one town, under one government. Consolidation would eliminate the name Ocean Park. The whole city would be known as Santa Monica. All great events taking place at this beach would be advertised Santa Monica and not Ocean Park. The value of residence as well as business property."

"Being a property owner and taxpayer on the north side of Santa Monica and having lived here since I was a little boy 4 years old, and watched the growth of this entire beach, I believe in consolidation. It has retarded the growth of Santa Monica proper as been the continual scrapping that we have engaged in for years and years."

"We should bury the hatchet and get together. Some people are opposed to consolidation, because they think that the business section of Santa Monica will not suffer. I do not agree with them on this score. There will never be any need of any more or finer blocks on Third street unless the residential section grows. The north and west of Santa Monica. It is admitted by some of the opposition to consolidation that the residence district should cause us to take a different view of the situation if it will not. I don't see, then, how the business section will suffer, for residences come first, business houses follow."

One Government Cheaper

"There are a hundred more reasons that I might mention in favor of consolidation. To my mind consolidation is the wisest course to pursue for the benefit of all interested in the welfare of Santa Monica bay district. It seems to me that this is self-evident."

Maj. Robert Dollard's remarks were short and to the point. He said: "In my opinion one municipal government for Santa Monica and Ocean Park would be better and cheaper than one such government for each of the towns, and as we are all in favor of the rapid growth and prosperity of Santa Monica, we would be glad to take into the municipality the territory, people and property of Ocean Park, were it not for the fact that we would have any other densely populated and wealthy adjoining territory. I do not understand how the fact of its incorporation should cause us to take a different view of the situation if the electors of Santa Monica are favorable to consolidation."

Michael, proprietor of large dairy interests, with property in both Santa Monica and Ocean Park, said: "I am strongly in favor of consolidation, and believe that it is the best thing that can happen for all concerned."

One Better Than Two

Rev. William Green, retired minister, said: "I am strongly in favor of the proposed consolidation, for these reasons: First, one town looks better than two. We can run one better than two. It is an outrage to ask people to pay two licenses across an imaginary line. We can save money on public improvements, many of which will soon be demanded, also in salaries of school teachers and all public officers. No harm can come to any property holder in a large city. The property values will be greater in a large city than in a small town. Put me down as decidedly for it."

"No question about it," remarked J. A. Bangs of the J. A. Bangs Realty company of Santa Monica. "I think that it will be the best thing that we can do for the prosperity of the beach."

Two Towns Absurd

David Evans, prominent property holder of Salt Lake City and Venice, said: "I am absolutely sure that the

consolidation of these two cities will benefit us more than we can estimate. I am for it at all times."

J. D. Blanchard of the Imperial Ice company declared: "I think consolidation is the only thing for us. It will make us a better and greater community."

Fred H. Taft of the law firm of Tanner, Taft and Odell replied: "I do not know how I stand. I am for consolidation until we win. It is absurd to have a couple of little towns when we can have a big city and command the respect we should in financial and commercial circles."

"I am in favor of it," said C. D. Pettis, one of the leading hardware merchants of Santa Monica. "But I am afraid that we can't win out."

"I believe if the movement could be effected in a way equitable to all parties it would be the proper thing," said C. W. Pinkerton, manager Santa Monica branch of Montgomery and Maloin Lumber company.

Would Increase Business

Charles H. Toll, vice president Security Savings bank of Los Angeles, also a large property owner in Ocean Park, said:

"The conditions now affecting Santa Monica and Ocean Park from disinterested standpoints easily reach the conclusion that a consolidation of the two places must ultimately, if not immediately, produce beneficial results from a financial standpoint. Municipalities are not unlike business institutions, and the maintenance of two of either variety as separate entities, while their interests intermingling, is done with the usual attendance of friction of units and financial waste."

"The business world recognizes this and the result is concentration and combination on lines of economy. Municipalities do not act with the same power of initiative owing to the adverse political influence and the personal interests which combine to raise 'bugaboo' questions, such as increased taxes, loss of prestige, etc."

"So fully is this principle of economy in unification of units established in the business world that I am firmly convinced that outside financial interests would respond to the needs of borrowers in the combined bay city much more generously than as under present conditions."

Taxation Would Decrease

A. F. Webster, president of the chamber of commerce and chairman of the consolidation committee, declared: "I am for consolidation because I believe it to be right and just and the best thing for the entire bay section. I believe that under one larger city we will have less taxation, a greater and better standing with the outside world."

"I am satisfied the banks and money lenders of Los Angeles would look upon us with great favor and more confidence and would place loans among us if the security was sufficient; but under the present conditions we are simply ignored by the banks of Los Angeles. I have talked with the heads of a number of the large banking institutions of Los Angeles during the past thirty days, and invariably they advise consolidation if they wish to accomplish anything."

"I find that all newcomers to our section and men who look on from the outsiders' viewpoints are unanimous in their opinion that consolidation should be brought about. I am satisfied that both cities can be run much more economically under one

government than they are at the present time—two municipalities.

"It is the spirit of the day to consolidate and combine, and I do not understand how any broad-minded, liberal, unprejudiced man can take a stand against the consolidation of our two cities."

Consolidation Inevitable

"Personally I have no axe to grind. I am for no political plum. I am not hired by any man or set of men. I have nothing whatsoever of a personal or selfish motive in view. I am giving my time and energy to the cause for no other purpose than the idea of bettering the entire community; and if such conditions can be brought about I will reap my portion of the prosperity in proportion to the rest of the community."

"I do not understand why any person in either city would not prefer to live in a greater Santa Monica. I do not understand why any person should prefer to stand still instead of going ahead. I do not understand why any person should hesitate to vote for consolidation, when they have everything to gain and nothing to lose."

"I believe consolidation would bring about a unity of business interests and would very largely eliminate the feeling of jealousy and hatred that now exists between some factions in different sections of the city."

"The majority of larger business men and property holders of the bay are at the present time in favor of consolidation, and I believe, by the time election day comes around we will have an overwhelming majority favoring consolidation; for consolidation of the two cities is inevitable. If it cannot be done at the present time it will at a later date; but I am very certain we can bring it about now and I believe now is the time, for there is absolutely no argument against it."

CORONADO TENT CITY BAND TO PLAY HERE

Number of Musicians Is Increased and Instruments Renewed—Program of Selections Excellent

The Coronado Tent City band will appear at Simpson auditorium this afternoon and evening of June 15. This sturdy band, since its debut to Pacific coast audiences seven years ago, has won a place in the hearts of all its patrons. In fact, in past seasons, the music by this company of excellently well trained musicians has been considered as second to none on the Pacific coast.

This year the number of men has been increased, the instruments renewed, and the programs as laid out for the season, and particularly those for this city, are beyond doubt among the finest that have ever been arranged for band music.

The two programs selected for this city are calculated to please the musical as well as the unmusical, and Henry Ohlmeyer, director and manager, assures the public that classic music by world-famed masters, as well as modern composers, and also popular music of the very best and latest compositions, with selections and novelties from the most popular comic operas and musical comedy successes, will each and all be well represented in his afternoon and evening in this city.

BROTHERS WILL DIFFER

There were two brothers who were left orphans when quite young, and were compelled to work for their support and limited education. A few years ago one of the boys, then growing into manhood, came to the office of the Los Angeles Investment Company to inquire about starting payments upon a home. As he had not saved from his earnings the amount necessary to make the small first payment, he decided to invest \$10 a month in stock in this Co-operative Building Company and allow the quarterly dividends to be re-invested, thus compounding each quarter.

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ELKS IN NEED OF LODGING PLACES

HOTELS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CROWDED AT REUNION

PARADE PROGRAM INDICATES ELABORATE PREPARATION

Nearly Every Organization in Los Angeles, Both Civic and Fraternal, Probably Will Take Part in Allegorical Festival

As the time approaches for the Elks' reunion in this city it develops that notwithstanding Los Angeles is known as a city of hotels, apartment and lodging houses, accommodations will be difficult to obtain next July.

So many applications have been received for hotel accommodations that the Elks' committee has been compelled to employ two assistants, who are busily engaged each day in closing contracts with the various hotels, apartment and lodging houses for Elks and their friends. Up to date more than double the number of hotel contracts have been signed than for the Shrine convention two years since.

The Midsummer Floral and Allegorical festival, which takes place Friday, July 16, promises to be the most unique event ever held in Los Angeles. It is the desire of the committee that it be "so different" from any entertainment ever provided.

The first division, decorated automobiles, certainly will cause exclamations of wonder from our visitors, as it is expected all citizens who own automobiles will be glad to enter them in the parade, all of which will be decorated beautifully and artistically.

The Out West club is drilling over 300 riders, each week for the equestrian or second division, and the troop of cabbaleros will be the largest ever witnessed in a parade in this city.

Fraternalities to Take Part

The third, or fraternal, division will consist of magnificently decorated floats, with practically every fraternal organization in Los Angeles represented. These floats will be escorted by the uniformed organizations connected with the several fraternalities. Entries have now been received from the following fraternal societies: Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Elks, B. O. E. F., Fraternal Order of Eagles, Branch 24, National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 57, United National Association of Postoffice clerks, Los Angeles Branch Railway Mail Association, Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, Fraternal Brotherhood, Young Men's Institute, Royal Arcanum, Los Angeles Lodge No. 99, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Al Malakiah temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Ancient Order of Foresters, Ancient Order of United Druids, Brotherhood of American Yeomen, Grand Army of the Republic, Improved Order of Red Men, Ladies of the Macabees, Modern Woodmen of America, United Spanish War Veterans, Royal Court.

Southern California Waiters' association, Junior Order American Mechanics, Workmen to Join in Parade

The fourth division, labor and trades unions, is causing a great deal of interest among the different representatives of union labor in Los Angeles, and a number of magnificent floats will be entered, all of which will be escorted by labor organizations properly uniformed.

The fifth, or civic, division will have a splendid exhibit of the fire department of Los Angeles, the park department, the chamber of commerce, the Builders' exchange, the Union league, two floats from Honolulu and one from Seattle, and the Hazard Park Improvement association of Los Angeles also will be represented.

The following cities will be represented by artistic floats setting forth the advantages, products, etc., of the various cities represented: Venice, Redondo Beach, Hollywood, Pasadena, San Pedro, Long Beach, Santa Ana, Pomona, Glendale, Covina, Monterey, Whittier, Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Fullerton, San Diego and Sierra Madre.

The sixth division, the parade of all nations, is creating great interest, and floats are under construction representing the following nations: Indian, Spanish, Mexican, German, French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Swedish, Russian, Portuguese and Egyptian.

It is expected a large number of additional entries will be received, particularly from the various state organizations in Los Angeles. The committee states that the various civic fraternal and commercial organizations will take the proper interest in this parade it will be one never to be forgotten by visitors.

Salmon Ship Wrecked

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—News of the wreck of the salmon ship Columbia in the Arctic was received today in a telegram to her owner, Capt. Henry Nelson of this city. The message said simply that the ship, which sailed from this port in April for the salmon canneries, was wrecked at Unimak bay, Alaska, on April 30, and would be a total loss. As no mention was made of any loss of life it is presumed by Capt. Nelson that all on board were saved. No details of the disaster were given.

You can buy it, perhaps at many places, but there is one BEST place to buy it—and that place advertises.

CHURCH SERVICES AND SACRED MUSIC

Temple Baptist—Rev. Robert Burdette, pastor. Morning, "The Glory of Service"; evening, "The Good Time Coming."

Immanuel Presbyterian—Rev. Hugh K. Walker, pastor. Morning, "Three Men on a Roadside"; evening, "The Bridge of Moonshine."

St. Paul Cathedral—Rev. William McCormack, dean. Morning, "The Devil's Trinity"; evening, "Can Backsliders Be Reformed?"

First Baptist—Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, pastor. Morning, "Christ, the Entire Alphabet of Religion"; evening, sermon by the pastor, evening, beginning of evangelist services by Rev. J. R. Pratt.

Haven Methodist—Rev. J. C. Elliott, pastor. Evening, special prohibition meeting, address by Rev. C. J. Hall.

First Presbyterian—Rev. E. Stanton Hodgkin, pastor. Morning, "The Passing and the Permanent in Religion."

Highland Park Cumberland—Morning, E. A. Ross will speak on "Why the Bible Is True, and How I Know It."

Epiphany—Rev. E. L. Howen, rector. Morning, special service for children, with an allegorical sermon; evening, addresses by delegates to the diocesan convention.

Christian Social Fellowship—Meeting in Cleveland hall, Walker Theater building; address by Rev. W. C. Bowman.

Central Baptist—Rev. A. S. Phelps, pastor. Morning, "Santa Barbara," by Palma Vecchio; evening, "A Leading Question."

Cathedral of St. Vibiana—High mass at 10:30 a. m.; sermon by Father Lucey; evening, instruction by Father Brady.

Fluza—Masses at 6, 8, 9 and 11 a. m.; sermon by Rev. J. Caballeria.

St. Vincent's—Beginning of the forty hours' adoration at the 11 o'clock mass.

Music at St. John's church today—Morning: "Venite," (Robinson); "Te Deum," (Williams); "Benedictus," (Bethoven); anthem, "O Risen Lord," (Barby); Evening: "Psalms and Hymns," (Tallis); "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis," (Mozart); anthem, "O Risen Lord," (Barby); quartet, "Savior, Acclaim to Thy Dear Name," Miss Vaughn, Miss Waters, Mr. Hinton and Mr. Westrom. W. P. Chase, organist and choirmaster.

Gadd—I see the supreme court has rendered a decision on the bill for the suppression of Pittsburg millionaires. Gadd—How about it? Is it constitutional? Gadd—Not quite. Five to four—Puck.

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