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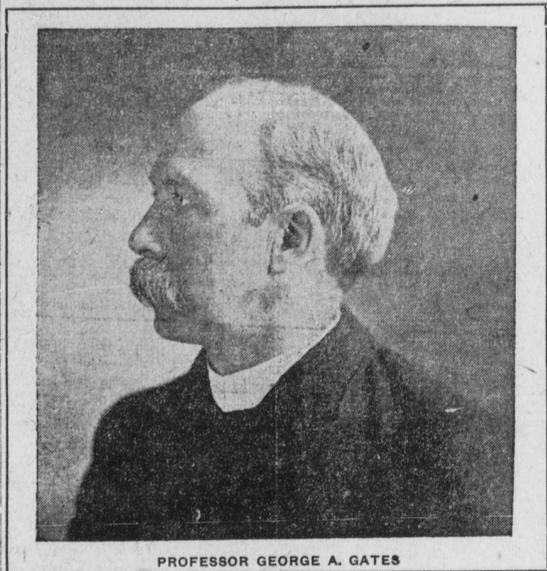
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Former Pomona College Head Tells Tale of Real Success



PROFESSOR GEORGE A. GATES

Prof. George A. Gates of Pomona Tells How Government for the Real People Is Run to the Advantage of All

Former President George A. Gates of Pomona college made an excellent address to a small crowd at the City club yesterday afternoon. He spoke on "Politics and Public Life in Australasia," where he spent the last three months. It was not a prepared speech, and the subject covered a wide range, so there were only a few of the features of public life in Australasia, on which Professor Gates dwelt, and he chose those that appealed to him most.

"There were two eye-openers at the start," said Dr. Gates. "I learned that in going to Australasia I had to travel 50 per cent farther than I would to go in the straight line to Japan. I had no idea it was so far away."
 "Another thing that impressed me is that Australia is not a little island, as I had always pictured it in my mind, but it has nearly the area of the United States. It is populated by English, Irish and Scotch, which again surprised me, as I had expected to find a mixed population. There are more British than English themselves, and still talk about going to England as going home."

Working for the People
 "Their problems are different from ours, but I think they have lessons for us. One of their keywords impressed me. It is, 'The People vs. Everything Else,' and it is on this principle they have built up their civilization."
 "In Auckland I stood on the corner of a street about 5 o'clock and watched the working people going home."

"Not one that I saw looked laded and worn, but all appeared happy and wholesome. The girls especially looked happy, trim and neat. They were not tired out as most of our working girls are. Their day's work is done, because they had been treated with kindness and consideration, which is necessary for the strict labor laws in Australia and New Zealand."
 "They go to work about 9 o'clock in the morning, but among the crowds on their way to their daily labor there were no very young persons. Very young persons are not allowed to work in New Zealand and Australia. Children working day and night as they do in our cotton mills is not known there."

No Slums Known
 "In Auckland I asked a cab driver to take me to the slums. He didn't seem to know what the word meant, so I explained that I wanted to see the part of the city where the poorest element lived—the crowded, congested district where the wretched make their homes."
 "He answered that he didn't know where that was. And it is true, there are no slums in that part of the country."
 "I asked a policeman where were the houses where women of the town lived, and he answered that there was no such house in Auckland. And from what I gathered later I believe he was right. The women are well treated, and the social evil problem is no problem there."

Making Money on Debt
 "The employers of labor say the laws were had on the principle that if they don't howl they will get worse, from their point of view. New Zealand has the biggest national debt per capita of any country in the world and I commented on this fact to a New Zealander. He only laughed and said that fact didn't bother them, they wanted it larger. I was surprised to hear this until he explained that they borrowed money of England at 3 per cent and made 6 per cent with it, and New Zealand would like as big a debt as it could accumulate at that ratio."
 "They don't have strikes in that country as we understand strikes. Of course, troubles arise between capital and labor, but they are never serious because of the institution of the arbitration court. No lawyers are allowed in this court. When an employer has a grievance to present he does so and the employer is made to come in and give his defense. When the case is decided by this court the verdict must rule for three years. This court has as much power to enforce its decisions as has any other court in the land."

Nerves Protected
 "There has been a forty-eight hour week in Australasia for the last five years and in cases where great skill and nerve-wrecking work is necessary the week is only forty-two hours. One of the labor laws says that no woman shall work in a factory or business house between the hours of 6 in the evening and 6 in the morning and the same law applies to boys under 18 years of age."
 "Labor is power, not labor unions, for only a fraction of the laboring class belong to unions, although they, too,

are powerful; but I have not noted an instance where the labor power has abused its authority."
 "They have had government ownership of railroads ever since they had railroads and they are a paying investment. In communities where they cannot afford to erect a high school they give the high school pupils free transportation on the railroads, and in some cases pupils go as far as sixty miles a day to attend these schools, all at the expense of the government."

Telegram Costs 12 Cents
 "The government owns the telegraph, as it owns nearly everything else. For 12 cents you can telegraph to any part of the country. This branch of the government showed a deficit until the price was lowered to what it is today, and now it is a profit producer."
 "But one thing appealed to me most strongly, it was the decision of a federal judge in Melbourne. One of the gold mines had been paying a low wage and he made a careful investigation and ordered the minimum wage raised to a point where the laborers could live. Soon afterward the mining company decided it could not afford to pay the minimum wage assessed, because the ore was running out, but this judge decided it would have to stand and in his decision appears the phrase, 'If you can't pay living wages and keep up the industry don't reduce wages; shut down the business.'"
 "Had the business had to close down it would have been a calamity for those employed in it, but it would have been a still greater calamity to establish the precedent that the working man should be underfed."

HUMPHREYS READY FOR JAIL EVEN IF CLOVER STREET IS DRY
 IRATE PROPERTY OWNER HAS TROUBLE OVER PHONE
 Inquiry Indicates That Man Who Made All the Trouble Had Been Kicking About Widening of Street
 Somebody says he is going to have W. M. Humphreys, chief inspector of public works, arrested. Mr. Humphreys doesn't know the name of the person and he isn't much worried about the evil problem is no problem there.

An irate property owner on Clover street called up Mr. Humphreys yesterday morning and notified him that if Clover street was not sprinkled by Monday he would write scorching editorials about the chief inspector and give them to the newspapers to print, and if that did not have the desired result he would have the chief inspector arrested.

Mr. Humphreys' first impulse was to ask where in blazes Clover street is, but he happened to remember that it is a little street running out of Main street, and that proceedings are pending to widen a portion of the street. A little inquiry on the part of Mr. Humphreys convinced him that the person who had made such dire threats was the one who was holding up the proceedings for the widening of the street. Clover street will not be sprinkled before Monday, so Mr. Humphreys is preparing to move his desk and ledgers and things down to the city jail so he can carry on his work without interruption during the period of his incarceration. He hopes, but without much expectation, that his hope will be realized; that the judge will let him off with a fine of a few hundred dollars, or at least not make the sentence longer than six months. He doesn't know just what to look for in the nature of a judicial punishment, as long and careful search failed to reveal any law dealing with chief inspectors of public works who refuse to have streets sprinkled when asked to do so.

Stephenson Monument Unveiled
 WASHINGTON, July 3.—With imposing ceremonies the granite monument erected in Washington as a memorial to the founder of the G. A. R., Major Benjamin Franklin Stephenson of Illinois, and to the organization itself, was unveiled today. All the regular troops in and about Washington participated in conjunction with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Auxiliary. President Taft was the principal speaker.

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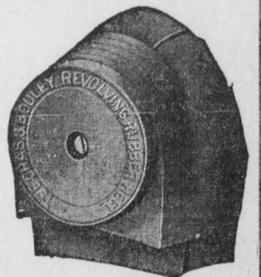
East Los Angeles Pastor Whose Church Raised One of the Largest Funds Tells How He Understood Plan

The controversy between the Mothers' day committee and the Mothers' congress still continues and seems as far from an amicable settlement as when the first open rupture occurred. The entire question hinges on the problem as to what were the funds collected on the Mothers' day intended for and who should have the power and authority of disbursement.
 The Mothers' day committee claims that its part in the charitable collection was entirely independent of the action of the Mothers' congress, although both were working for the same ultimate purpose, that of raising money for needy and indigent mothers.
 As the controversy has continued expressions from those who helped contribute and swell the grand total of the fund are to the effect that it was thought that the money was to go to the Mothers' congress, and for that reason they worked hard and made such an explanation when soliciting funds.
 Rev. J. T. Compton, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, East Los Angeles, where one of the greatest collections for the fund was made, stated that his church raised their proportion with the understanding that the Mothers' congress should disburse the money for needy women and children of Los Angeles.
 He stated that he thought the Mothers' day committee was simply acting as agents for the state congress.
 Mrs. Will W. Logan, who was chairman of the committee of the women of the united Presbyterian churches in raising the fund, voiced the same opinion.

This is the view taken also by Mrs. L. A. Robinson, chairman of the committee of the Political Equality league, which did much work in swelling the grand total for Mothers' day.
 All regret that such a controversy has arisen, as it doubtless will have a depressing effect should a similar movement be started next year, unless the present difficulty is properly adjudicated for the benefit of the public.

BY RIGID ECONOMY MAYOR GETS NEW OFFICE CARPET

Because of the strict economy with which he has conducted the office since he has held it Mayor Alexander was able to draw a requisition for a new carpet for the office of the executive department. The carpet was needed greatly. It cost \$63.55, and competitive bids were secured before the contract was awarded.
 The mayor did not have to ask the council for money to purchase the carpet. The mayor is allowed \$25 a month for incidental expenses, and former executives have always exceeded this amount, but the mayor has drawn but little on the fund, and from the savings purchased the carpet and still has \$24 left in the incidental expense fund at the end of the fiscal year.



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