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CLEAR, CRISP AND CLEAN



AT THE THEATERS AUDITORIUM—Dark. MASON—"Sapho," (matinee); "The Writing on the Wall" (evening).

BURBANK—"The Girl of the Golden West." BELASCIO—"Through a Window." MAJESTIC—"The Top of the World." ORPHEUM—Vandeville. GRAND—"The Toy Maker." LOS ANGELES—Vandeville. WALKER—"At Valley Forge." UNIQVE—"Gracie." FISCHER'S—Musical burlesque. OLYMPIC—Musical burlesque.

HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD'S natural attractions, scenery, surroundings, buildings and CITIZENS make it a most desirable and most welcome addition to Greater Los Angeles.

By the consolidation of Los Angeles and Hollywood Los Angeles will be the gainer by 5000 population, all "best people"; an assessed valuation of over \$6,000,000; an excellent school system, the appointments of which are to be strengthened by two new schools to be built at a cost of \$130,000; and new street improvements to be added to those already completed, at a cost of over \$1,000,000.

The consolidation election will be held January 24, and it is expected the annexation program will be successful by an overwhelming majority. Voters, however, should beware of overconfidence. Do not let a conviction that the election will be safe without him deter any citizen from going to the polls and casting his vote.

Consolidation should be carried by a very large majority. Hollywood is within the Greater Los Angeles area, and is naturally a part of the metropolitan district. In every instance the expansion of Greater Los Angeles by consolidation has been followed by business and industrial activity, and by an increase of values in the district added to Los Angeles. From every point of view the consolidation of Hollywood with Los Angeles is desirable, and we hope the importance of the addition will be emphasized by a large vote.

AVIATION WEEK

AVIATION week fund is being increased constantly, and preparations are being busily made for the greatest aviation gathering of modern times. There is not the slightest reason to doubt Los Angeles' aviation meet will be a record breaker in respect of entries and attendance, and that it will also break many records for performances. The quality of the contestants is a guarantee of this. Greater Los Angeles will be the center of attraction from January 19 to January 29—the most talked of and most written of place in the world. For the sake of the advertising, if for no other consideration, it is well worth while to swell the aviation fund, and every citizen who contributes to it is making a contribution to the prestige and prosperity of Greater Los Angeles.

SAWING WOOD

Few men have been subjected to as much accusation, vituperation, condemnation and denunciation as the "timber barons." Few men have ever given such a signal illustration of the mastery art of saying nothing and sawing wood. The timber baron is too busy with his timbering to care what the onlooker thinks of him.

Every new article published in newspapers or magazines has fresh epithets to apply to the transaction known as the timber steal and all concerned in it. The woodmen who are not sparing the trees are referred to as the "timber thieves." They do not care. Not one of them has resented this or any other epithet. What's the use? Are they not sawing wood?

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

OLGA NETHERSOLE'S medium, "The Writing on the Wall," is a social play or a sociological study—as you like it. But it is from the viewpoint of its presentation of objective and obvious social conditions rather than for its subtle sociological analysis it will appeal to most people. It is a capital example of an objective play, as opposed to that intensely subtle subjective psycho-sociological study, the "Servant in the House."

The Nethersole play recognizes the fact marriage is the foundation of all modern social conditions. Without the marital tie modern society as we know it could not exist. What might be substituted for it cannot be guessed. Perhaps it is not worth while to guess it, because our present social system is so absolutely dependent on monogamy that it is jealously intolerant of any attack on the sanctity of this institution.

Violence frequently accompanied popular disapproval of Joe Smith's system of polygamy; and this popular jealousy of the sanctity of the marriage vow makes it all the more remarkable that an enemy of matrimony that is not less deadly than polygamy is menacing it; and with the aid of the divorce court is substituting for monogamy a successive polygamy which differs from plurality only in circumstance and degree. He who would fain persuade any reasonable being that this is not the case is a mere quibbler; or that monstrosity, a learned ignoramus, overeducated in some spots and bare in others.

Miss Nethersole had a difficult task in determining the merits of the excellent answers submitted by readers of Los Angeles Herald to the questions: "Should the wife forgive anything and everything the husband may do if he is the father of a child or of children by her? Does not the child cement through all eternity the marriage vows taken before God's holy altar? Is there a wrong in the world which the wife under these circumstances should not forgive? Are men and women in exactly the same position concerning forgiveness? Should the wife overlook wrongs she is obliged to suffer for her husband more than the husband would forgive if the wrongs had been committed by her?"

IMMIGRATION

VIRGINIA WRIGHT, in the Van Norden Magazine, calls attention to a scandalous condition existing as a result of immigration. It should be said, lest any of our readers picture vast numbers of southern Europeans shouting "viva" and what not, and flinging hats in air and making up their minds to go to the Land of the Free, that immigration has become an industry. It is conducted in Europe by "drummers," and tempting information regarding the United States is kept in constant circulation by the steamship companies, which would suffer serious inconvenience were they to be deprived of the privilege of hauling human freight from Europe to the slums of darkest New York. Very few modern immigrants can say truthfully they came to the United States of their own volition.

Miss Wright makes the awful charge that low wages and unexpectedly poor conditions of living in the American slums caused the rapid ruin of many of the young girls who are enticed from Europe to the United States by the drummers. Even the hitherto unassailable virtue of the Irish has given way under the unseemly conditions resulting from immigration to the United States, where a girl finds herself between the devil and the deep sea; between starvation and wrongdoing. The Jews, too, have fallen. Their racial record for chastity has been sacrificed to immigration conditions in the United States.

Miss Wright, who has made a thorough investigation of the subject and can supply ample proof for every charge she makes, remarks grimly: "The Irish are the most chaste of all nations, yet in the past they have paid heavy toll to vice in this country. The Jews have for all their national life prided themselves upon the purity of their women, yet conditions among them are bad enough at present. Low wages and bad living conditions are the worst foes of the immigrant girls."

NEWSPAPER MORALITY

TOM JOHNSON of Cleveland is accredited with the following sharp saying: "Newspapers preach the highest degree of morality and practice the lowest." Perhaps there are some newspapers to which this stricture may be applicable, but newspapers as a rule, ethically speaking, are more strait laced. Well conducted newspapers realize inconsistency has defeated many a good cause, therefore it is the aim of respectable newspapers that preach business honor and morality to practice business honor and morality.

A code of ethics having been established for the newspaper profession, newspaper writers and managers and editors who are well posted live up to it as thoroughly and as accurately as a lawyer lives up to the ethics of his profession and a doctor to his. The day is over when newspaper workers can safely be regarded only as bright men whose mission in life is to be made conveniences of in order to further a millionaire's deal or a professional politician's plan. The newspaper profession, in its representatives, is constantly growing better. Yellow journalism was not welcomed by the American people, and unless it had had a long purse would have been down and out long ago. Machine journalism is as reprehensible as yellow journalism.

Why Not Start Something?



"NOMINATE YER PIZEN"

THIS (alleged) method of inviting a stranger to drink, which, according to popular superstition, was the usual western formula, will receive force and authority from the president's decision that whisky is whisky, and that no liquor which is not strictly whisky has any right to bear that ancient Celtic name, derived from "uisquebaugh" or "uisquebagh." The word "whisky" is a disguised form of "uisque."

DUTY OF DEMOCRATS

THE HERALD this morning publishes in full, a call for the meeting of Democrats of the state of California to convene in the city of San Francisco on January 8. We trust that as many representative Democrats of Southern California as can respond to this call will be present at the meeting in question. Great matters of reform in the politics and government of the state will demand the attention of the political parties and the voters of this state at the approaching election of 1910. If the Democratic party is to bear its share in reforming the politics and government of the state of California, wise out the railroad machine that has disgraced and dishonored the state for so long, and give to it the kind of government which our great state should have. Democrats cannot too soon meet in conference, and outline a plan of procedure to accomplish these great ends.

Let us be thankful that in the United States we are at any rate not compelled to support idle and dissolute spendthrifts, and that we do not compel our mayors and university presidents and other leading citizens to do obeisance unto their debauched and dull looking inferiors.

OUR MINISTERS

IT is believed Dr. Brougher will now accept a call to Temple Baptist church. This another will be added to the brilliant clergymen who have made Los Angeles pulpits famous. Our churches are crowded every Sunday, and why shouldn't they? What city in the world can furnish as much superb pulpit eloquence and as much fine music in the course of one day?

Much work is done by our ministers that is never suspected by the citizen who takes his church as he takes his peaceful, orderly free American government—"for granted." Many of them are truly "ministers." They minister to the members of their congregations and to any distressed or unfortunate citizens in want of help or advice. We could name several who are not renowned for pulpit eloquence, but are doing a WORLD OF GOOD in Los Angeles.

Dr. Brougher not only is an eloquent preacher, but a hard worker—a "minister." Since the resignation of the popular and well beloved Dr. Robert J. Burdette cannot be reconsidered, Temple Baptist church is fortunate in the fact that his successor is as worthy, as capable and as well fitted a man as J. Whitcomb Brougher, D. D.

GOOD MEN

MARSHALL STIMSON follows Meyer Lissner as the president of the Good Government organization, and one good man succeeds another. Mr. Lissner has placed the citizens of Los Angeles under a lasting obligation to him, and he will be remembered as a patriotic worker who accomplished for Los Angeles a victory that was not less noteworthy morally than politically.

Mr. Lissner as a public official without doubt will render memorable service to Greater Los Angeles. This city is fortunate indeed in the fact that during the Christmas season it can look forward to a "happy new year" of achievement, progress and prosperity. With good citizens in office the growth and development of Greater Los Angeles will be more re-

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.

GIVES VIEWS AS TO WHERE PRESIDENT TAFT STANDS

PASADENA, Dec. 24.—(Editor Herald): Many of us have been wondering where President Taft stands, especially in the matter of the tariff. I have given us a straw to tell which way the wind is blowing, his friendship for Cannon and Aldrich has given us another, his praise of the tariff bill in its present condition is another, and then, for the fourth straw, his appointments. He might possibly be excused in his appointment of Oscar Lawler for assistant United States district attorney on account of not knowing him, although he was presented by Senator Flint. If he had asked information from any good government man, he could have easily discovered that Lawler, to put it mildly, was an organization man; a man who had more than once presided over our Southern Pacific convention, and that is sufficient to tell who he is, and now he has appointed former Governor Gage minister to Portugal. It is said President Taft has a judicial mind. If so, there are a few things the court is bound to take judicial notice of without external evidence, and he certainly must have known what Governor Gage's record is as governor of California and the head of a system in which he was held by the people of our state. Is there any doubting Thomas among us after this wondering where he stands? If there is, let us hope that he will appoint Earl Rogers to the supreme bench and Walter Parker as ambassador extraordinary to Ballarat, and by that time we will know, every one of us, where and what President Taft stands for, and then we can take our choice. As a second term for Taft, it will be like our friend Gillett. He will not want to run again, because "my wife, she will let me." By the way, Governor Gillett made an appointment to the bench down here of a man connected with a notorious river bed franchise, our brother Gillett, that and your support by an arduous organization paper seals your fate in the sunny southland. REPUBLICAN.

HERALD IS COMPLIMENTED FOR WONDERFUL EDITION

COLTON, Dec. 21.—(Editor Herald): The anti-graft, Good Government Herald has entitled itself to the congratulations of every newspaper reader in not only Los Angeles, but even Southern California—but the whole United States, for its special holiday edition. Even away over here in San Bernardino county the patrons of Los Angeles daily papers are in ecstasies over its splendid holiday magazine. Truly we feel proud of The Herald, not only on account of its magnificent holiday issue, but for the victorious battle it has won during the present year for honest municipal government in the South California metropolis, and for its pure, clean, chaste character. We are not ashamed to give it a place in our homes, for our wives and children to read. Long live the Los Angeles Herald! W. H. GILMORE.

REMARKS ON METHODS THAT SEEM REACTIONARY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—(Editor Herald): Two strange things I notice in these days of hygiene and medical alertness: While spitting on the sidewalk is reprobated as dangerous and even kissing is taboo in some quarters as a menace to health, we see, on the other hand, our public library doing its best to spread ringworm and like skin disorders by insisting on visitors to the reading rooms leaving their hats to be piled together in reckless promiscuity. And again, we see the "vets" working up a muzzling craze, though any dogkeeper knows that a muzzled dog tends to be a sick dog. Can it be? No, no, perish the thought! J. G. WARD.

Herald Best

The Los Angeles Herald, an Angel city publication that is rapidly forging to the front, is a handsome and interesting magazine form. The edition was printed on high-grade book paper, contained many well-illustrated and interesting articles, and was a credit to the Los Angeles Herald. The edition was the best ever produced in Los Angeles.—Fillmore Herald.

Aviation week draws nigh. Boost it. Advertise it. Do your best in letting the world know Los Angeles is about to make another record for achievement in the noteworthy Los Angeles way.

THE HOLY LAND

VIII--THE PLAIN OF SHARON

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE Plain of Sharon is a narrow green ribbon stretching along the Mediterranean shore of Palestine from Mt. Carmel southward to the hills between the Pithuloses. It is nowhere more than seven miles wide and it is only about fifty miles long, and of all the land of Canaan promised to the children of Israel, the land of twenty—this plain only still flows with milk and honey. Under the patronage of the German emperor a great highway was proposed to be built through the heart of the plain, from the Roman paved road near the castle of Athlit which was repaired by the crusaders and which still is in fairly good condition.

The traveler starts out from Jaffa over this macadamized highway with a light heart. The sun shines, the beams bluish through the pines and pomegranates is in the air; on one side is the green-gray fringe of olive trees outlined against the barren white hills of the interior, and on the other side is the snow-white lace of the breakers, and beyond the blue of the Mediterranean. The road runs between groves of oranges, fortified behind impregnable barriers of cacti. Here and there one sees the whitewashed house of a thrifty German settler who has come to the Holy Land in obedience to a faith which teaches that all Christians should repair to the home land of the Savior, and who has remained here to make the desert blossom as the rose by the substitution of European thrift for Arabian indolence. But after a few miles the influence of the German colonists and of the Jaffa orange market wanes. The orange groves give way to ill-kept vineyards. The white farm houses are no longer seen, and in their stead are the mud-walled villages of the Syrian natives. Every evidence of what we are pleased to call the progress of modern civilization is left behind. The country is given over to grain fields tilled as they were tilled in the days of Herod. There are no trees, no houses, and all too suddenly the highway enters into one's wagon rolls out on the green velvet of the Plain of Sharon.

Although the traveler has seen Jaffa and its market places, although he has marveled at the wonders of Jerusalem, although he has worshipped at the sacred shrine of Bethlehem, although he has already visited the many holy places of historical fame, it is here on the plain of Sharon, and here only, that he far beyond the voice of chanting priests and unconfined by temple walls, that he finds the Holy Land of his imagination. This is the country which Jesus lived, through which Jesus walked, and where Jesus taught. Other things have changed, the cities he knew have been razed to their foundations, and the stones and the walls which he saw again since he walked and talked; but the country of the Plain of Sharon is just as he left it.

The forests which covered the hills of Judaea, Samaria and Galilee in the days of Christ have disappeared before the twin assaults of ax and torch, the fertile valleys have been deprived of the gathered moisture of the hilltop, and the land which was flowing with milk and honey has been laid waste, and is now, for the most part, a barren desert. Not so the Plain of Sharon. Herod's drop of rain that falls on the great central range of hills which divide the deep valley of the Jordan from the seacoast is conserved in tiny streams which drop into ancient passages to flow up again beneath the soil of this narrow level strip along the coast.

And how thankful is the land! Nowhere in the world is there more grateful soil than the soil of the plain. The grass of the waste places grows almost as green as the wheat and barley of the corn fields, and the soil is a tribute of color to the poem of praise. The Plain of Sharon is as a green carpet spangled with figures of scarlet and of purple. Here one finds a great field of grain grown up with hills of the valley, enough to be worth a king's ransom in an American florist's shop, and there one sees a

The State Press

Corporations in Politics. That many great corporations organized for legitimate business purposes, especially public utility corporations, are being engaged in politics, and are being used for the purpose of securing or procuring legislation or other public business, is a fact too notorious to require either specification or proof. Practically everybody knows it, and nobody doubts it. Our department of business is more thoroughly organized, more completely equipped, more skillfully managed, and more successful in its political bureau.—San Jose Herald.

Private Car Lurton. Because of Lurton's record we are convinced that he is no fit man for the exalted position proposed. President Taft has committed a mistake from which he should be saved. Many will incline to the belief that his error was prompted by his personal attachment to Lurton's friend, with whom he has been on the bench; every man is inclined to overlook the faults and magnify the graces of friends.—Berkeley Independent.

Hens for His. There may be large profits in raising pheasants, as the game rancher in Petaluma, at least, is likely to continue the breeding of chickens. The demand for game birds is increasing, and prices are attractive.—Sacramento Union.

The Dammer. Speaker Cannon accompanied President Taft down the Mississippi with the deep waterways commission. The speaker is said to have followed out his alleged policy of obstruction by dropping a "dam" here and there.—Tulare Advance.

Flourishing Fillmore. It sure looks as if Fillmore were to become a genuine town. If we get an opportunity to fight over the question of whether it is our justice or the enemy's country, there will be no doubt about it becoming a real town.—Fillmore Herald.

The Guggenheims. No doubt the people of the United States are in danger of being defrauded of an immense amount of valuable property through the efforts of the Guggenheims to control the Alaska mineral fields.—Sacramento Bee.

Great in Hindsight. Football has been abolished from the high schools in Washington. That usually follows a killing. We are a great people to look the stable dogs after the horse has been stolen.—Sutter Independent.

Peary Next. In the meantime it seems up to Commander Peary to submit the records of his trip and his observations to the University of Copenhagen experts, as Admiral Schley suggests.—Visalia Times.

Occasionally the ancient simplicity of the country is varied by a ruin which attests the departed glory of the warring nations whose hands fought to possess this fair land. One sees at the very edge of the ocean a cluster of ruins which have lost all semblance of their original form, all that is left of the once proud city of Casarea. This was the place where Herod, by grant from the Emperor Augustus, built a breakwater and made an artificial port, which was the only rival Jaffa has ever known. It was a palace city, the temple of Christ, although distinctly Roman and not Jewish. The ruins of its amphitheater are all that now can be seen. This is the city that Paul delivered his famous oration before the Roman governor, Felix, and here he defended his religion before Festus and that King Agrippa before Festus and Caesar and from here that Paul appealed his last journey to Rome and martyrdom.

Occasionally one sees in the Plain a ruined building whose Gothic or Roman architecture identifies it as a relic of the crusades. Such were the hospices built along the coast during the two centuries of the troubled reigns of the Christian kings of Jerusalem. Most of these are now quite deserted, but one or two serve to house a village of natives. The Plain of Sharon, with its carpet of green and scarlet, with its mud-walled villages, its ancient fells, its shepherds and its flocks, preserves to the people of Judea in the time of Christ, although the grandeur that was Rome lies buried in the ruins of the area, and the ruins of the crusades rest in their graves beneath the inscription: "His soul is rust; his bones are dust; his sword is with the saints, we trust." Tomorrow—The Holy Land: IX. A Modern Zion.

Far and Wide

How About Car Men? Mr. Fagan, whose "Confessions of a Railway Signman" first revealed how helpless railway managers are in the hands of their employees, should divide the attention of the new tyran in the case of the engineer on a Boston passenger train who, having a right to a forty-eight hour rest and without "nauch rest" for fifty-nine hours, fell asleep in his cab and ran his train into a freight car.—New York Herald.

Touching "Touching" At first she touches up her hair. To see if it's in place. And then she touches up her complexion. She touches up her face. A touch to curls behind her ear. And then she's off to hubby dear.—To touch him for a dollar.—New York Herald.

Red Cross. The Red Cross society is now the greatest purely humane society in the world. Its work is international and wide-spread. It has attracted the hearty support of statesmen, philanthropists, true reformers. It is deserving of the sympathy and support of all lovers of mankind.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Boom in Books. It has had a theatrical season in New York because a few good plays can be found. It was the best autumn for books that the publishers have had in many years, despite the fact that no book of sensational merit have appeared.—New York World.

The West. New England appears to be very much surprised by the fact that Senator Aldrich and bent him up instead of showing him every courtesy. The west has never been known as the enemy's country.—St. Paul Dispatch.

Soft Soap a Danger. It is darkly rumored that King Edward fears for the continuance of the British crown. And this after the long years that the Prince of Wales has been the heir expectant.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Diaz's Devotion. Mexico is getting closer to world politics that Diaz will find his responsibility so great as to preclude the possibility of giving up the presidency.—Washington Star.

Chicago News. Mr. Cannon would be a pleasantly picturesque old man if it were not for the fact that congress has important work to do.—Chicago News.

Prices of Diamonds. The price of diamonds is rising rapidly. The price of eggs is more generally of interest.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.