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AT THE THEATERS

BELASCO—"The Garden of Lies."
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MAJESTIC—"The Prince of Tonight."
NIELSEN—"Carmen," (drama).
OLYMPIC—Musical farce.
ORPHEUM—Vaudeville.
PRINCESS—Musical farce.

VILLAGE OR CITY?

IS Los Angeles a village or a city?

All records have been broken by Los Angeles' postoffice business for March. The patent machines canceled 1,000,000 more letters than during the corresponding period of 1909, and in every department similar growth was reported. More men are needed to handle the constantly increasing business of the postoffice, and in the course of a year it gets more additions to its force than does any other office of its size in the United States. Its percentage of increase of work is greater than that of any other office on the North American continent.

The growth of the postoffice is in great measure due to the business growth of Los Angeles. Commercial mail forms a large proportion of the total bulk handled.

Increase of trade and commerce is also indicated by the report of the bureau of statistics, department of commerce and labor, which shows that during February the foreign commerce of the port of Los Angeles was: Imports, $286,257, as compared with $182,034 for March, 1909, and exports, $2125, as compared with $3249 for February, 1909.

During eight months ended with February total foreign commerce of Los Angeles was as follows: Imports, 1908, $1,198,476; 1909, $836,780; 1910, $1,064,695; exports, 1908, $75,000; 1909, $129,396; 1910, $95,308.

And when we think of the immense volume of the overland freight business of Greater Los Angeles, which has been expanded in spite of unfavorable rates, and is bound to overcome all odds, in "the Los Angeles way," how impressive is the realization of the sum of the endeavor, the ability, the enterprise, the pluck, the ingenuity and the patriotism that are working together to make Greater Los Angeles the principal and the predominant city of the Pacific coast, the metropolis of the far west.

Y. M. C. A.

ALTHOUGH, to quote one of the guests at the complimentary dinner given at the Young Men's Christian association by Arthur Letts, with the possible exception of the West Side association in New York city, Los Angeles association is the largest in the world, we believe ere long it will be THE largest in the world, without exception.

Nothing is more gratifying to true friends of Greater Los Angeles than the enthusiastic support given the Young Men's Christian association by the citizens of our metropolis. As The Herald has said on various occasions, there is no cause which is more intimately the cause of the people of Los Angeles than is that of the Young Men's Christian association.

This organization illustrates the Los Angeles way. In its growth and prosperity are reflected the growth and prosperity of the metropolis of the far west, and the citizenship of Greater Los Angeles is indebted to the association for its uplifting and steadying influence among the finest body of young men in the world, the young men of Greater Los Angeles.

JUDICIARY AND POLITICS

JUDGE WILBUR'S address before the City club was most intensely gratifying to all good citizens who wish to see the judiciary taken out of politics. Judge Wilbur gave many striking instances of the iniquity of tying up the judiciary to partisan politics. For instance, he related how a judge now on the bench went to San Francisco to see Mr. Herrin and inquire whether his candidacy for a higher position was acceptable!

Judge Wilbur threw some most interesting lights on the Santa Cruz "Republican" state convention, the chairman of which was the attorney for the Southern Pacific railway. Judge Wilbur's description of aspirants for judicial dignity awaiting humbly the august nod of Boss Parker was sufficient to inspire every self-respecting citizen with indignation and a sense of shame that such a travesty of free government and of high principled selection of a patriotic judiciary should be possible.

"We are in danger of the judge fearing the boss rather than fearing the people, when he ought to fear neither," said Judge Wilbur.

Let us hope and pray this danger may be eliminated from the life of California, and the iniquitous machine selection of the judiciary be ended. The most obvious method of bringing this about is to smash the iniquitous machine.

All good citizens echo heartily the forthright sentiments expressed by the manly, fearless and truly honorable speaker:

"IF THE ONLY WAY A MAN CAN GET SUCH A POSITION IS TO SOLICIT THE SUPPORT OF A POLITICAL BOSS FOR A JUDGESHIP, I WANT TO GO HOEING WEEDS OR DOING SOMETHING RESPECTABLE FOR A LIVING."

BLESSED GIVERS

THE last recorded words of Jesus were, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." There is much consolation in these words, especially for the underpaid who are asked to give their best and to be contented with anything hazard or whim may throw to them by way of return. There is consolation also to the unappreciated people of this world, the men and women who are indispensable to civilization, but on whom civilization bestows little or no thought, and certainly no grateful thought.

There are some citizens who receive far more than they give. As a rule they are not appreciative of their good fortune. They think some especial merit or excellence has caused Providence to favor them at the expense of their fellow mortals. It is a whimsical thought and inconsistent with divine justice.

Obviously it is the duty of citizens who receive much to GIVE much. The correct attitude to hold toward great wealth is that of stewardship. A man who acts as if he were the actual possessor of a fortune is mocked at last by death. At best there is only a life tenure of this world's goods, a fact which Jesus by precept and parable sought to impress on his followers.

A man who is not rich toward God is poor indeed, no matter how wealthy he may be in worldly or transient possessions. The permanent qualities are all that are worth striving for. He who gives of his best to the world is the man who lays up treasures in heaven; and that "best" may be talent, experience, life or money. In reality, the man who gives money is giving the very least of all the possible gifts of man to mankind.

Blessed are all who GIVE. Verily, they have their reward.

SQUARE DEAL STATION

LOS ANGELES is an optimistic city. It believes in doing unto others as it would have others do unto it. The best is none too good for those with whom it deals, therefore it expects the best from them. Think of the fortunes that have been made in Los Angeles and Southern California! Think of the prosperity of railroading in this center! Think of the possibilities for more and greater railroading the future will unfold! Then realize why Los Angeles is optimistic on the subject of a big new depot and is most happy to meet and greet Judge Lovett, knowing he is making preparations to put into effect a policy that will be for the greatest good of the greatest number of the people of Los Angeles and the citizens of the United States, all of whom wish and expect to come to Los Angeles.

The visit of the distinguished, able, far seeing and patriotic railroad president, who is to be the honored guest of the chamber of commerce, is doubtless an earnest of good things for Greater Los Angeles. Judge Lovett will experience a Los Angeles welcome and realize the Los Angeles way.

A metropolitan station will represent the Los Angeles way of welcoming the coming and speeding the parting guest. The Arcade depot has been outgrown long, long ago. Judge Lovett will appreciate that, and the result of his visit to Greater Los Angeles doubtless will be to give this metropolis a square deal and a metropolitan depot.

If some newspaper writers were only superficially acquainted with the inside history of the great federation movement—if they were only vaguely acquainted with it—they would know better than to indulge in such "everlasting rot" as that which suggests a possibility of John Bull attempting to "treat the American navy as he did the Spanish armada." Oh, ridiculous!

And now the machine in desperation is resorting to fraud in order to obtain signatures of voters on nomination of candidates. Let the people be on guard. Constant vigilance is the price of freedom from machine influences.

How a Woman Buys a Hat—2 Hours, 45 Min.; Price, $55.49

How a Man Does It—Time, 1 Min., 30 Sec.; Price, $3

—Boston Traveler.

MENELIK'S DUPLICITY

WITH great reluctance we return to the subject of King Menelik of Abyssinia. We honestly thought he was dead. We admit the thought was not new. Many a time have we obituaried Menelik. We believed at last it was final. But again Menelik fooled us. No longer can we trust the frequently deceased monarch. He has exhausted our patience.

After we had taken the trouble to shed a tear in memory of the departed, we find he is still with us. There is nothing unusual about this. It is the same old story. Menelik again has deceived us basely. He has the dying habit worse than anybody we ever heard of. We warn the public to take no stock in the stories of his press agents to the effect that he is dead, or moribund.

Not even if he came and told us himself would we believe he was really dead.

Canada is dealing successfully with the immigration problem, and is building up a great nation with recruits from the United Kingdom, northern European countries and the United States. In recent years Canada has derived a large percentage of immigration—indeed, almost one-half—from the United States. Many old New England families are now Canadian. The reason is absolutely and purely economic. Form of government has nothing whatever to do with it.

Let us all boost the boosters of the harbor and power bonds. More power to them! May George H. Stewart and his fellow committeemen find the voters of Los Angeles willing and ready and eager and anxious to support the great cause of harbor improvement; and also to secure for the city the advantages of the aqueduct power supply. Boost the bond boosters and vote the bonds in the Los Angeles way.

A Los Angeles single, S. P. Dysinger, and a Los Angeles team, Taylor and Ballard, made splendid records at the Western Bowling congress at San Francisco. In bowling, as in everything else, Greater Los Angeles claims first place, aims for first place, and gets first place. That's the Los Angeles way.

Big campaign for the success of the harbor and power bonds is "on." You can do your part, good citizen, and can help the committeemen and sub-committeemen. Boost the bonds! Remember what they mean to Greater Los Angeles. They will be a big investment in prosperity. Election day is April 19.

International Christian Endeavor convention in Greater Los Angeles? Why not? Greater Los Angeles is the finest convention city in the United States, and if there was a suitable convention hall practically all the conventions of any importance would come our way as often as possible.

New citizens are arriving in Los Angeles in great numbers. They will help to build up the most successful city in the world and will be proud to share in the credit of the Los Angeles way.

Greater Los Angeles is a triumphant success, and pioneers of the consolidation movement have every reason to be proud of the results of their patriotic work.

A neighbor says if Californians don't watch out the hook worm will gain a foothold here. Whether is it a biped or a quadruped?

AT THE RAILWAY STATION

"Has the two-thirty train gone?"
"Yes, ma'am; five minutes ago."
"When's the next train?"
"Four-fifteen, ma'am."
"Thank goodness, I'm in time!"—Lippincott's

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.

CONSIDERS CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT TAFT UNJUST

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—[Editor Herald]: I see by the papers that Mr. Taft feels very much surprised and grieved at the criticisms which greet his method of administering the national affairs, claiming that he is not following out "Roosevelt's policies."

"Roosevelt's policies" seem to be a stock phrase of the day, but in all sincerity I would ask what are those policies and who can honestly prove that Taft is not fulfilling all his obligations to his friend T. R., who so kindly handed over to him the reins of government?

Although we are supposed to be governed by the will of the majority can we truthfully say the majority of the country really wanted Taft? They really wanted Roosevelt, who at the last moment failed them and who put in Taft as one who would follow out his "policies."

It is therefore hard to believe that Taft would betray so sacred a trust as to deliberately advocate any measure which would be in opposition to his predecessor's wishes.

The people heard the policies of the parties and the pledges which were promised by the candidates, voted for them and quietly allowed the machine to do the rest.

Why did not T. R. advocate a tariff reform and see to it during his term of office that this great question be settled, and settled right?

Congress is now investigating the fitness of Secretary Ballinger for office, and so far the investigation has proved his unfitness, but much of the testimony damaging to him was acts committed while he was under Roosevelt as land commissioner.

If the conservation of the resources of the nation for the benefit of the nation was a Roosevelt policy why did not the far-famed big stick descend on the culprits and show them the way of the transgressor is not made easy for the acquisition of coal lands. Mr. Taft claims to be following out the policies of Roosevelt. He approves the tariff revision. We have no record that Roosevelt disapproved it. He retains Ballinger even in the face of the harshest criticism. Roosevelt retained him even when as a land commissioner he was faithless. Who shall say that Mr. Taft is not justified in his lament that the adverse criticism of his acts is unjustifiable and he is an exponent of the "Roosevelt policies?" M. S. R.

ANNEXATION VIEWS OF "VILLAGER" ARE INDORSED

LOS ANGELES, March 29.—[Editor Herald]: I heartily indorse what Villager says in regard to annexation. Why do the foolish people clamor for it? I can't see that there is anything gained by it, while there are the inconveniences mentioned by Villager, and then some. We can't add the least improvement to our homes any more without buying a permit, the price of which is not such a great matter, but the time taken up in getting it is something to a busy man.

I live in the would-be aristocratic section of the country known as South Hollywood, so named by an "improvement society" (?) for fear of being identified with Colegrove. What have they gained by trying to boost Hollywood? Hollywood says, "If you can't give a 5-cent car fare all the way to Hollywood you needn't give it to Western avenue." That is the selfish spirit shown toward the people who have been "toadying" to her so long. A 5-cent fare would benefit this section a hundred-fold. But—"after you, Alfonso" (Hollywood).

AN OBSERVER.

PICNIC FOR LETTER BOX WRITERS IS SUGGESTION

LOS ANGELES, March 30.—[Editor Herald]: I would suggest the renewal of the Letter Box picnic at Sycamore Grove. Let all who can come with lunch baskets, get in touch with each other, and eat our lunch, say Sunday, April 24. Justice is what the world demands, so let us get together and study where to find it. S. J. BINNS.

WOMAN'S HATPIN WOUNDS MAN ON REDONDO BEACH CAR

LOS ANGELES, April 1.—[Editor Herald]: When a crowded Redondo car reached Fiftieth and Hoover streets on its way into town it was boarded by a fashionably dressed young woman. The open-air seats were filled and several men were standing in the aisle. The newcomer found it necessary to crowd her way through the group of strap-hangers, and as she did so she gave them a concrete example of why other cities should follow the example of Chicago and put a limit on the length of women's hatpins.

All of the men, by craning their necks, dodged the hat, but one unfortunate failed to note that a strong, sharp hatpin overlapped the brim by an inch or two. It caught him fairly in the middle of the chin and tore its way along nearly to the ear, leaving a ragged, scarlet line from which the victim found it difficult to stanch the flow of blood before the car reached Seventh street, where he left to hunt up a surgeon.

The cause of the painful mishap seemed much chagrined at what she had done, but this did not deter several witnesses of the other sex from discussing the incident audibly. One of the men said he had read of a trolley conductor in Chicago whose ear had been pierced by a pin when a woman passenger had suddenly turned her head, and another told of a woman in Springfield, Mass., who had lost the sight of an eye in a similar manner, and he seemed to look on it as retributive justice that the sufferer from the dreadful calamity belonged to the sex that affects fashions that require articles of toilet which make its members a menace at close quarters.

The diameter of woman's hats has grown to such proportions that in order to pass through the crown the hatpin of the period must be a formidable thing, in many instances exceeding a foot in length. The Chicago board of aldermen recently passed, and Mayor Busse signed, an ordinance limiting the length of hat pins to ten inches. TOURIST.

"MILADY NICOTINE" STORY CAUSES TOBACCO DISCUSSION

PASADENA, Cal., March 31.—[Editor Herald]: I am a reader of The Herald and like it. I also consider the Los Angeles Herald Sunday Magazine a good magazine. But I take exceptions to an article published in the Sunday Magazine of March 27, page 6, by Will E. Wing, under the title "Milady Nicotine." If the article is intended to boost the tobacco trade it will very likely serve well its purpose. But because Capt. Charles J. Fogg was an inveterate user of tobacco and retained his health to so great an age is little proof that the average man can do so. It is well known that the effect on the health is deleterious in many ways. One example argues very little: "One swallow does not make a summer." But it seems Captain Fogg "abruptly quit the habit." Why did he do so? Did he find it injurious to him in other ways, though seemingly not to his bodily health?

One accredited author says: "Tobacco makes people grow in selfishness and impoliteness." Let the author of the article go to his physician and find out what he has found to be the almost universal effect of tobacco on the body. Let him go to an experienced educator of standing and find out what he has found to be the effect of tobacco on the morals. After he has done all this I venture he will no longer be willing to further the tobacco trade, but will be as wise as was Captain Fogg and "abruptly quit."

W. A. B.

AT LAST

His life was a bluff
From beginning to end;
He bluffed to his foe
And he bluffed to his friend;
Till he finally died
(Which was greatly deplored),
And they wrote on his tomb:—
"He was called by the Lord."

—E. S. Morrissey, in Puck.

Discovers New Right of Way and Presents It to the United States

LOS ANGELES inventors and scientific men keep in the public eye because publishers of magazines are appreciative of the real merits of ideas and inventions. The March number of Sunset Magazine devoted three pages to the achievement of C. W. Sirch, the Los Angeles electrical engineer who has invented what has been described as one of the two true airships ever devised.

The technical journals also have much to say about Mr. Sirch and his versatility in scientific research. The March number of Electrical World speaks of him as the pioneer inventor in an important electrical field that is attracting world-wide attention.

Aeronautics, a monthly magazine devoted to aerial locomotion, has printed the following paper containing a unique suggestion by the Los Angeles scientist:

"During this period of aeronautic progress the question of ownership of the air has already been the subject of debate. The rights of the landlords, based on Blackstone's musty law "Who owns the land owns the heavens above," have recently been the basis of speculative fiction in which this circumnambient gaseous area has already been segregated for commercial purposes into its compo-nents of linear and of gaseous content—the former as an aeronautic right of way and the latter as a source of nitrates in the manufacture of fertilizer now being conducted as a great enterprise in Sweden.

"As a result the landholder, having made a fortune from the timber on his land and perhaps another from the mineral beneath or the soil on top, is rubbing his palms hopeful of a new source of income. On the other hand the aeronaut or aviator is tacitly under suspicion as a trespasser. He boldly make his flights through air space assumed to be the property of the landlords, who for the present suffer the outlaw to go unhung.

"The purpose of this paper is to remove this stigma of aerial piracy and to nail the Stars and Stripes on a newly discovered territory.

"Imprimis, by the common law the possessor of a piece of land—of a city lot 50x150 feet in its dimensions, for example—owns all land beneath and air space above to the zenith. Surely no landowner, supposing him to be cognizant of his rights in Cujus est solum, ejus usque at caelum can lay claim to more than his right and title to this column of air space 50x150 feet in cross-section and extending to the heavens above.

"I respectfully recommend that we grant this right. Now I beg to point out that a segment of a spherical body like the earth has lines constantly diverging from the center. These lines at the surface after passing through the boundary lines of the above mentioned city lot continue diverging, while the air space belonging to the landlord is contained within perpendicular lines of his surface area. The angle between the vertical boundary of the land and the projected divergent radius presents abundant linear dimensions in every direction for aeronautic purposes.

"Having duly explored sufficient of this newly discovered air space to calculate its extent I now take pleasure in repeating the Peary business with the Stars and Stripes and present this vast region to all aeronautic pilots, pirates and quasi-trespassers present and to come to be used as an aeronautic highway in perpetuity."

New York Judge Declares Widows Make the Best Wives, and Tells Why

(San Jose Herald)

IF THE elder Weller were alive he would throw up his hands in holy horror over the recent remarks of Judge A. J. Dittenhoefer of New York. The old coachman had only one war whoop, one shibboleth, one rallying cry, "Beware of vidders!" Riding through the lanes of England, with his eyes fixed upon humanity when they were lifted from his horses, he developed this single theory of life, which he expounded upon all occasions and pounded on all inn tables.

But here is Judge Dittenhoefer declaring that "widows make the best wives," and supporting his views by stating that they know men better. They have developed beyond the sentimental stage, he adds, and know that life is not all love and kisses. They do not expect a husband to be content with a smile when the house is untidy and the dinner spoiled. "As a general rule, the woman who marries a second time is more apt to make the home happy because she is more settled and domestic. She is more prudent. She is apt to think more of her household duties than her finery. She has profited by her earlier mistakes and is more willing to compromise the little difficulties with the second husband than the first."

Judge Dittenhoefer is a learned man and an old one. In many ways a lawyer's office is a confessional, next to that of the minister and the doctor. The secrets of life are unbared there; its tragedies are revealed; skeletons pop out which he tries to force back. This judge has been an unusually prosperous lawyer and his chances for analyzing motives and deducing sound conclusions from them have been great.

But those of us who have only the natural opportunities of the average life have had enough cases under our own ken to feel the truth of the judge's words. The truest are those which show the growth of the widow beyond the "lovey-dovey" view of marriage. Our girls are often fed on too much sentiment. Novels and plays are made for their especial delectation, and they are built to a universal plan. Their adventures must be romantic, their endings happy. They develop false and misleading ideas of life; they put too great an emphasis on sickly sentimentality and too little on the genuine love which is often tongue-tied when it comes to sugary phrases but is always eloquent in work and protection and in unselfishness, all along the line. Such girls bruise their tender little hearts against a seemingly stony affection, and it is only time that salves the hurt with wisdom. If a Hibernian philosophy could prevail and all wives be widows first, it undoubtedly would be much better for the happiness of many people.

Insurgency and Patriotism Bear a Close Relationship

(Oakland Enquirer).

WHAT is an insurgent?

A good many editors in seeking to answer this question are barking up the wrong tree—the coon has escaped them and is elsewhere.

After referring to Speaker Joseph Cannon as the Porfirio Diaz of American politics and noting the fact that it has been possible to oppose him only after gaining his consent to do so, the St. Louis Times answers the question, "What is an insurgent?" as follows, and the answer seems to cover the ground very thoroughly:

The so-called insurgent is coming into his own at Washington. An insurgent is not necessarily a man bent on playing the game of blocking some other man's purposes. He may be a man of high ideals and a broad mind. He is likely to be a man who cannot meekly do what the party dictates, whether it accord with his convictions or not.

And it must be conceded that the better type of "insurgent" is always a force for progress. Moses and Christ were "insurgents." So was Patrick Henry, and so were George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt. Christopher Columbus was an insurgent, as was Galileo. Insurgents have established governments and founded philosophies and nourished science until it gained strength enough to beat down superstition.

It is one of the big facts in American government that every man may be an insurgent if he chooses to be. The insurgents make many mistakes, but it is through them that truth comes to light in the end.

The active causes that effect insurgency are the organization of which "Uncle" Joseph Cannon was the chief mouthpiece and defender in the house of representatives and the breaking down of party lines which is making partisanship out of date and contemptible. Individuality is beginning to count and statesmanship is coming to mean conviction rather than a formula. It naturally follows that under these changed conditions Cannonism and all it represents are doomed, no matter whether Joseph Cannon remains in the speaker's chair or is succeeded by an insurgent.

Millionaires' Club Mocks at Serious National Issue

(Chicago Record-Herald.)

WHILE Senator Elkins of West Virginia was temporarily off the reservation it looked squally for the Aldrich-Taft tariff law, in case real investigators should be placed on the senatorial committee to inquire into high prices.

But all is quiet again. Vice President Sherman, from his seat on the safety valve, has saved the day by appointments strictly in keeping with the senate's ancient traditions.

We find at the head of the investigating committee Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, who regards western rebellion against the Aldrich-Taft law as practically high treason against the government. Then, at his elbow, there is the faithful Gallinger of New Hampshire, who acts as an Aldrich lieutenant and echo both on roll call and in debate.

The other mild-mannered members of the "investigating" committee hail from the far west, the northwest and the extreme south. There is not a single representative of great middle western states on the committee.

But this is natural. The senatorial "investigation" into the cost of high living is merely a cloak to cover the deficiencies of the Aldrich-Taft tariff law. The repeated acknowledgment that the new tariff law is in constant need of defense is, by the way, significant.

The deliberate farce of appointing a committee of high tariff champions to make a report that the Aldrich-Taft law is a national blessing would be impossible elsewhere than in the United States senate.

The Millionaires' club betrays a sordidness by mocking at a serious national issue.

Here Is a Case That Proves California Healthfulness

(Atchison Globe)

THE climate of California is said to be particularly healthful, and here is an instance to prove it. An Atchison woman who lived here a number of years ago on one occasion attended a lodge of sorrow, the first held by a certain new organization in the town. There had been only one bereavement. A man named Johnson had lost his wife, and services were held in her memory, Mr. Johnson being present. The next year, as there had been no further bereavement, services were again held for Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Johnson, who was again present, was accompanied by a widow to whom he was paying attentions. The next year, as there still had been no more deaths, services were again held for Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Johnson, who was present, was accompanied by his second wife, and the women present whispered to each other that one in her position really should stay at home. As there have been no more deaths in the order, it is presumed they are still holding services for Mrs. Johnson.

LOOKED SUSPICIOUS

A reputable citizen had left four umbrellas to be repaired. At noon he had luncheon in a restaurant, and as he was departing he absent-mindedly started to take an umbrella from a hook near his hat.

"That's mine, sir," said a woman at the next table.

He apologized and went out. When he was going home in a street car with his four repaired umbrellas the woman he had seen in the restaurant got in. She glanced from him to his umbrellas and said:

"I see you had a good day."—Everybody's Magazine