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AT THE THEATERS

- AUDITORIUM—Dark. BELASCO—"The Prima." BURBANK—"Brewster's Millions." EMPIRE—Musical extravaganza. GRAND—"George Washington, Jr." LOS ANGELES—Vaudeville. MASON—George Grace. MAJESTIC—Kob and Dill. NIELSEN—"A Doll's House." OLYMPIC—Musical farce. ORPHEUM—Vaudeville. PRINCESS—Musical farce.

LITERARY LOSSES

THE literary world has suffered another serious loss by the death of Bjornstjerne Bjornson, eminent as poet, novelist, dramatist, reformer and advocate of universal peace. He was a leader of thought and a believer in human liberty. Like all deep thinkers, he saw the only form of government which would be permanent would be founded on literal and persistent effort to secure the greatest good for the greatest number, and therefore would secure the good will and support of the majority.

Bjornson believed the message of Americanism was universal—and it is. For that reason it is highly important that the great republic which showed the world the magnificent possibilities existing in a union of law and liberty should return to a literal demonstration of its first principles. Myra Kelly told the world what the republic was doing toward the training of "little citizens." If Americanism were taught thoroughly in the public schools and if it were more in evidence in everyday life, the work of Myra Kelly and other trainers of the "untamed" would be easier.

Mark Twain represented all that was best and most ideal in American life, and died unblemished by the shameful fact that after a lifetime of literary toil he was reduced to poverty, stripped of the fruits of his labors, and had to begin all over again.

Nothing brings out more vividly than does Mark Twain's career the absolute which even the most brilliant brain worker may be condemned under our present system.

PROSPERITY

LOS ANGELES prosperity is establishing a new April record. The heretofore unapproached record of June, 1906, has already been beaten by that of this month. The total value of building permits is more than \$3,114,476. The previous high total for a complete month was \$2,871,000. By the end of this month all records will have been far outdone. For the first quarter of this year building totals will exceed \$8,000,000, against \$1,952,301 for the first quarter of last year.

Last week's bank clearings total, \$18,092,263, was the greatest in the history of Los Angeles, exceeding last year's for the corresponding week by the huge amount of \$6,000,000. The remarkable run of prosperity of Los Angeles is associated with the best government it has ever had in its history as a city.

GOOD GOVERNMENT PAYS.

Contrary to certain penny wise philopeters, ethics and profits are not incompatible. A vigorous campaign is being conducted for adding to the efficiency of the bureau of education at Washington, D. C. The most sensible way of adding to its efficiency would be to give the commissioner of education his rightful place, and create a secretaryship of education in the cabinet of the United States.

RELUCTANT COURTSHIP

LOS ANGELES county highway commissioners say they COURT investigation. At the same time Eldridge, the most outspoken spokesman for the Solid Three supervisors, uses abusive and profane language about some members of the advisory committee and belittling and would-be contemptuous language about others. This is not the course of conduct that would be pursued by a man who really COURTED an investigation in which his actions and transactions would be scrutinized. But it would be exactly what might be expected from a man who intended if possible to bluff his way through a perilous passage in his official career.

It is a condition and not a theory that confronts the Solid Three, and the condition is such that mere profanity and vulgar language can neither amend it nor explain it away. It is nearly two years since citizens after a most enthusiastic campaign, in which the brightest hopes were held out of a speedy inception and completion of the great work of providing a fine system of good roads for Los Angeles county, voted a bond issue of \$3,500,000.

Of the 307 miles of good roads then proposed, only 2 1/4 miles have been completed. This begrudging and ridiculous slowing is all the more disgraceful because of the fact that a charge is made that the completed work is of inferior quality, and the cost of the first sixty-five miles contracted for is so excessive that the bond issue, at this rate, will not be able to build the entire 307 miles. The bond issue was based on an estimate of \$11.40 per mile; but the average price of roads contracted for has been \$13.50 per mile.

Other charges are that a suitable and sufficient rock supply has not been provided, and contractors have been deterred from bidding for the work; while it is demonstrable that with proper management the roads could have been built for the cost estimated. The advisory committee complain that the assurance of the supervisors, given before election, that both the board and the highway commission would consult with and obtain the approval of the advisory committee before contracts were closed or appointments made has been continually violated, and the advisory committee has been slighted (or dodged) on every important occasion.

Taxpayers demand protection in their patriotic purpose to provide an excellent system of good roads. They will insist on a square deal.

AGE SENSITIVENESS

EXPERIENCES of census enumerators disclose the fact that men as well as women are sensitive about their age. Why? The answer has to do with social economies. It is a well known fact that a few years ago a vain and foolish coxcomb who wished to earn a spurious reputation made the astounding assertion experience is of no value in the scheme of human existence.

He received unexpected countenance from the sensational remark of a physician who was reported to have said (although later, after much mischief had been done, he denied it) that after a certain age men were absolutely useless to themselves or society, and "should be chloroformed."

These are two of the instances the future reviewing historian will seize upon to illustrate his claim that during a period of about ten years, culminating logically in demoralization and a financial panic, society acted as if more or less "crazy."

Employers (who were so absurd as to stay in the harness in defiance of their own teachings) gave out they wanted only young people. Experience, merit, good conduct, and the responsibility of having a family to provide for and educate no longer mattered; allowed to outweigh the superior merits of youth, strength, energy, and an unrearing fidelity to the instructions of the boss and the rules of the house, which made possible many of the unfortunate cases of colossal dishonesty which marred the financial history of the "crazy" decade.

During this economic reign of terror, when good, reliable American men saw middle age was accounted a mark of unfitness, and experience, knowledge and reasoning ability, were disregarded, or by an outrageous whimsicality, counted AGAINST the applicant for a position, they, very naturally, began to "forget" the date of their birth.

Although the reign of economic terror is over, and, with regard to age there is much more reasonableness on the part of employing interests than there used to be, the strangely developed sense of age-caution remains, and men are "tender" on the subject of the exact dates of their birth.

PRISON REFORM

AMONG the great movements illustrating growth in general knowledge and appreciation of the identity or community of human interests, none is of more importance to the human race than the proposed international prison congress in Washington. Experts representing Europe and Asia will meet in Washington and discuss means and methods of stopping the making of criminals.

Secretary Root, who is heartily in sympathy with the International Prison congress, has asked congress for \$50,000 to aid in showing the foreign delegates what this country has accomplished in improved methods of dealing with crime, especially in juvenile courts, probation, child saving and other reformatory agencies.

The 1910 meeting will be the eighth since its organization in 1871 when congress passed a resolution authorizing President Grant to send a commissioner abroad to secure the cooperation of European governments in the prevention and treatment of crime. When this question is approached from the attitude that prevention is better than cure then there is some hope of putting reform on a permanent basis.



GENEROUS SOIL

GREAT is the lima bean of Southern California, and Ventura is the chief prophet thereof (and makes one, two, and a big one). Bean planting is now at its height, and one of the most useful and lucrative California harvests is being prepared for. Owing to the extraordinary fertility of the soil and the superb climatic conditions of this part of the state, everything that can be grown in any part of the continent will grow here to greater perfection than it will attain to anywhere else.

As The Herald has repeatedly pointed out, the beef trust should not be a bugaboo in this section. No population is more fortunately circumstanced than ours for an abundant food supply independent of the beef trust to any other trust.

Many of the home builders of Greater Los Angeles could provide a constant and varied supply of fresh vegetables if they would cultivate their land. With a little labor, and a little skill, the cost of living in Southern California can be reduced to a minimum.

Happy is the Southern Californian who owns his own home and a little patch of garden soil or arable ground. Like Stevenson's hero, he can "stand up and eat the king his brother." He is the peer of any man. In reality, no millionaire is any better off than the Southern California home dweller with the garden patch and the ability and inclination to "get out of it all there's in it." With water and industry the results will be astonishing. Anything under the sun that grows will come up under the persuasive influence of Southern California sunshine.

According to the program, consolidation of Pasadena, South Pasadena and Alhambra will be followed by consolidation of Greater Pasadena with Greater Los Angeles. Obviously the metropolitanization of the big area dominated by Los Angeles is incomplete, and it will be best for all interests when the feeling of "unfinished business" is succeeded by one of permanent conditions.

Sherman's defense of the tariff will not be an oratorical classic. Still, it is well the nation should know Sunny Jim thoroughly agrees with President Taft the revised (but unregenerate) tariff is the best ever inflicted on the public. Stamped by Sherman's august approval, the tariff is now vindicated. But the proof of the pudding is the eating of it. Let's get busy.

Los Angeles citizens who have not been counted should send word to chamber of commerce headquarters, Telephone Sunset, Main 218; Home, 9018. It is to the interest of every citizen to see to it Los Angeles gets a square deal count. It will be unfortunate if the census figures should fall below the actual population.

Theodore Roosevelt says all the elephant painters and sculptors perpetrate atrocities instead of adding to art. The elephant, the colonel says, does not trot, but paces. Col. Roosevelt always was a reformer. Look at your elephant pictures, and "dollars and doughnuts" you will find they are nature-fakes.

Frank Noyes of the Washington, D. C. Evening Star is president of the Associated Press. The greatest news gathering and distributing organization in the world has a bigger and better staff of men of marked ability than has any other organization in the world.

Southern California Woman's parliament is in session at Santa Ana. The parliament deals with many practical questions: for example, public playgrounds, juvenile (probation) work, and the general welfare of the nation's children.

State Press Echoes

SAN FRANCISCO HELL HOLES

Mayor McCarthy has made good his promises to the denizens of the Tenderloin. Their hellholes of iniquity run in open defiance of every law of God or man, under the protecting arm of the corrupt police. San Francisco has again sold herself cheaply. The lid is off—and the stench arising therefrom carries with it a prophetic warning—a reminder of the fate of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Will San Francisco heed it?—Santa Clara Journal.

HUMORISTS ARE GONE

With Twain gone, Eugene Field gone, Will Carleton gone, there is not a great humorist left in the country. And whoever may arise in the future, the American people will remember Mark Twain as the one man who did much to turn trouble into laughter, and who was beloved alike for his genius and his largeness of soul.—San Jose Herald.

EAT RAISIN BREAD

"Eat Raisin Bread" is the slogan which has been adopted by the California Raisin day committee this year. California is the home of the raisin, and it was Fresno who initiated this movement, which has already become nationwide.—Modesto News.

PRESIDENT'S FRIENDS

President Taft is an unfortunate in his friends as was Mr. Cleveland fortunate in his enemies. Moreover, the president aggravates the matter by seeking to apologize for and explain his friends.—San Francisco News.

PROSPECTS OF FIGHT

The dispatches say Jeffries is so far along that he is working well and has ceased talking, which lends color to the hope that there will be a fight on the Fourth of July.—San Bernardino Index.

JOHNSON WAVE

Hiram W. Johnson will invade Solano county next week. His campaign in the upper Sacramento valley was a great success. The Johnson wave is spreading all over the state.—Berkeley Gazette.

HANDSOME TAFT

Robert Arkin, the California sculptor, says President Taft is the handsomest man in public life today. Nobody has been criticizing Taft on account of his looks.—Stockton Record.

DEMOCRACY

The spirit of Democracy—the Democracy that stands for equal rights to all and special privileges to none—is now abroad in the land.—Vallejo Times.

Far and Wide

ADAM AND EVE

I guess that Adam, lucky wight, Was never married. About the better men Eve might Have married.—Kansas City Journal.

Not was Eve married, I should say, With Ad's tirade About the biscuits, day by day, His mother made.—Boston Herald.

Not was either angered, I guess, In that first house, By reference to the other's Previous spouse.—Philadelphia Evening Telegram.

EXPECTS BETTER RESULTS

Justice Cooper of the appellate court, in speaking of the recent criticism of the state board of prison directors for the lack of system in the sentencing of criminals in this state by our superior judges, gives the following of California's whack.—Richmond Record Herald.

OBSTACLES

Aldrich has decided to leave the senate for good. Now, if Cannon would only quit the house, and Ballinger get out of the cabinet, three of the obstacles which stand in the way of successful Taft administration would be removed.—Marysville Appeal.

A LONG REACH

The Republicanism of Lincoln is still good enough for us, and Republicanism of Taft is also good enough for us.—Redding Courier-Free Press.

Gods! What a reach the Courier must have, Siskiyou News.

NO RACE SUICIDE

According to a careful computation made by Ben Haines, one month in having a batch of 100 signs on April 1 would have 165,250,000,000 descendants on October 1. There is evidently no danger of race suicide in the mosquito family.—Oroville Register.

APPRECIATION

Two San Francisco lawyers had a grim appreciation of the truth the other day when they called each other a liar.—Nevada City Transcript.

LACK OF FORESIGHT

Even now no member of the Gould family is forewarned enough to have a divorce coupon attached to his marriage license.—Chicago Daily News.

Club News

MEMBERS of the Ruskin Art club had their usual study of modern Spanish history yesterday morning under the direction of Miss A. E. Wadleigh and the election of a board of directors and officers for the ensuing year followed. The directorate will be made up of these women: Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Miss A. E. Wadleigh, Mrs. W. J. Saunders, Mrs. George Sinsabaugh, Mrs. A. P. Metcalf, Mrs. J. W. Hendrick, Miss Cordelia Kirkland, Miss Belle Smith, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. W. H. Bradley, Mrs. N. P. Conroy, financial secretary, Mrs. W. F. Ballis; President, Mrs. W. H. Bradley; honorary vice president, Mrs. N. J. P. Stearns; first vice president, Mrs. W. J. Saunders; second vice president, Mrs. George Sinsabaugh; recording secretary, Mrs. A. T. Metcalf; corresponding secretary, Miss McCutcheon; treasurer, Mrs. G. L. Hutchingson; financial secretary, Mrs. W. F. Ballis; librarian, Miss Emery; general curator, Mrs. W. B. Brown.

Miss Grace McKinstry of Minneapolis, Minn., was a speaker at the Ruskin Art club yesterday morning, giving an interesting talk concerning the state art commission of Minnesota, of which she is a member. This commission was organized through the efforts of the club women of the state and has proved an invaluable architect, statuary and so forth which must be decided by and for the state officials.

Miss McKinstry has been in Los Angeles for some time painting a portrait of Mrs. W. S. Benton, formerly of Minneapolis, and now living here in Ardmore street. Mrs. Benton's most notable charities have taken the form of buildings for schools and Y. W. C. A.'s and her donation of a building for Window institute at Montevideo, Minn., has led the trustees of that school to desire her portrait to adorn the walls of the hall. The painting will be at Kanst's for a few days for framing and informal exhibition.

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Society News

NEWS of the engagement of Miss Beatrice Wigmore, formerly of Los Angeles, and the Rev. Joel Hunter of Chicago, has reached Los Angeles. Miss Wigmore, who has many friends in this city, and who left early in the winter for Chicago to join the deaconess order of the Episcopal church, has been doing social work in Chicago, and the news of her engagement will be of much interest to her friends here.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Eldridge, 2347 Thompson street, was the scene of a merry gathering last evening, when they celebrated their house warming with a masquerade ball. The house was a mass of pink and white loveliness, Chatney roses and ferns being used. In the drawing room, the dining room, and the parlor, were arranged with a masquerade ball. The music for the dancing and a most delicious buffet supper was served. Hand painted programs, the monogram in gold were most effective.

Among those invited were Dr. and Mrs. Roller, Miss Brodick, Miss Kates, Mrs. Nelson Kingsland, Mr. and Mrs. Orceval Stevens, Dr. and Mrs. G. P. Therman, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chick, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Houstler, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Chas. Dougherty, Mrs. J. M. Doak, Mrs. Marie Sweet Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, Mrs. Samuel Sparkhawk, Mrs. B. Meyers, Henry S. Duke, Commander Ward Whinchell, Lieut. Statten, U. S. N., Howard Morton, Dr. D. P. Wood, Nelson Chester Crandall, Reed Freeman, C. O. Stevenson, Charles de Bruyn Kops, James Taylor-Kelley, Mark Tunkate, Jack Lambert, and Count de Wachtmeister.

Mrs. S. A. Selover entertained with a dancing party at her home in Arroyo above street last evening. Miss Edith Erickson, who is visiting Mrs. O. B. Fuller, and Miss Ella Holmes of Sacramento, who has been passing the winter with Mrs. Selover, were the guests of honor. The dining and living rooms were beautifully decorated with American Beauty roses. The reception hall was made into a ball room with potted palms and ferns, while in the den, white roses were used in profusion. Dainty refreshments were served in the pergola, which was decorated with potted palms and Japanese lanterns. Mrs. Britton and Miss Holmes have been honored with many pretty affairs during the past few weeks.

Mrs. Lewis Clarke Carlisle entertained yesterday afternoon at her home in Berendo street. The house was handsomely decorated with spruce, pines and buffet tables, and on each table was a little potted French daisy. In the library the lavender and white iris was used. Among those present were Mrs. Chesnut C. Ashley, Mrs. Laura Armstrong, Mrs. Moses N. Averill, Mrs. Morris Frank, Mrs. George J. Birkel, Mrs. S. P. Bogart, Mrs. H. M. Bishop, Mrs. P. Barmore, Mrs. David Barmore, Mrs. Oliver C. Bryant, Mrs. C. A. Boyle, Mrs. J. C. Bannister, Mrs. Richard Bronson, Mrs. J. W. Corwin, Mrs. O. H. Churchill, Mrs. F. B. Cornwall, Mrs. Cuzner, Mrs. F. P. Davis, Mrs. Frank J. T. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Philip Forve, Mrs. George Goldsmith, Mrs. G. G. Gillett, Mrs. Lee C. Gates, Mrs. C. C. Howland, Mrs. A. E. Halsey, Mrs. Frank Kelley, Mrs. A. H. Koehler, Mrs. Jennie Kempton, Mrs. John Lucken, Mrs. J. W. McAlester, Mrs. Leon S. Moss, Mrs. W. A. Morehouse, Mrs. Elizabeth Lash, Mrs. C. O. Nourse, Mrs. J. R. Powers, Mrs. N. V. Putnam, Mrs. S. S. Robertson, Mrs. George Ruddy, Mrs. H. E. Ryus, Mrs. A. S. Russell, Mrs. Seaman, Mrs. Walter Petty Story, Mrs. George T. Terrell, Mrs. Frank A. Vickery, Mrs. Thomas Vigus, Mrs. M. T. Robertson, Mrs. H. J. Wolcott, Mrs. D. W. Walker, Mrs. Frank Walsh, Mrs. Samuel J. Shetter and Mrs. Fred Beau de Zart and Mrs. J. W. Kemp.

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Music Notes

WHEN E. J. DeCoppet of New York quartet and secured their contracts, it was for personal entertainment. Incidentally he has given to the public of America one of the greatest vocal quartets in the world. Gradually the idea grew that these people should be heard outside of merely Boston, Brooklyn and New York. This year, for the first time in nine years, the Flonzaley quartet is touring America.

Harry Clifford Loit of this city, heard this organization in Europe and heard the most perfect organization in ensemble playing he has ever heard. Letters from music teachers and critics in San Francisco to local friends in Los Angeles recommend to these friends that they hear the Flonzaley quartet if they do not hear another musical organization this year.

Perfect ensemble playing is but very little known in this country. The Kniesel quartet held the palm for many seasons. The Flonzaley quartet have heard both the Kniesels. The quartet will give but one concert in this city and that is tonight at Simpson's auditorium.

Miss Louise A. Williams gave a "Dixie" recital Tuesday evening at the University of Southern California auditorium, appearing in the quaint costume of the early sixties and entertaining an appreciative audience with her southern songs.

It worked. "Have you seen Mrs. Halsey lately?" "Yes, she used to be such a beautiful girl."

"Surely she cannot have lost her beauty already. She has been married only a little more than a year."

"It's a very sad case. She was always rather slender. You know, a well-developed woman who took some kind of medicine that was recommended to her for the purpose of bringing about a certain development which would add to her attractiveness."

"Didn't it work?" "Yes, it worked—but not where she wanted it to. It went to her feet!" —S. E. Kiser.