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VESTIGIA NULLA RETRORSUM

Lection day.

Exit the June bride.

Get interested, but don't get excited.

Well, it has been a campaign of education, all right.

Vote in the morning so that the workers can check you up.

The voters will give us more light on the electric situation today.

Vote against Healy and Houghton, and for Honor and Honesty.

Back east they have to worry about the election weather. We don't.

Worst of it is, we'll have to plunge right into another election campaign.

Nobody is going to stop the progress of Los Angeles, circulars or no circulars.

In a few days Jack Johnson will be granted a Reno divorce from the championship.

The new pure milk ordinance is another plum in the cap of Good Government.

Senator Gore of Oklahoma is blind, but he says he can see a bribe when it is offered.

The Roosevelt cocktail is a new concoction. We'll let one of the ingredients be ginger.

They talk of the new gait of the trolley cars as "reduced speed." But can it be called speed at all?

"Jeffries is as fresh as green paint," says Jim Corbett. And what is the color of Johnson, pray?

Won't it be nice to drop kilowatts, amperes, et cetera, and get down to plain every-day English again?

We confess to having had a greater admiration for Zeppelin's airship day before yesterday than we had yesterday.

Timely tip: The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says that electric current is manufactured in that city for 1.1 cents per kilowatt.

It is said that a single brief in the Ballinger case contained 60,000 words. That is certainly not a good example in conservation.

The new license ordinance gives the smaller dealers a better chance to become bigger dealers. That is what Americans call a square deal.

Another party has killed himself by jumping over Niagara Falls. We shouldn't like that way for suicide. Its downward direction seems too significant.

The city's finances are in splendid shape—which cannot be said of those American cities that are run by professional politicians of the Healy and Houghton kind.

Goldwin Smith's legacy to Cornell, following the large and unexpected gift to Yale by an Englishman, shows that blood is thicker than water and will promote the solidarity of the race.

We judge from the manner in which the nomination of John K. Tener, the former ball player, for governor by the Republicans of Pennsylvania has been received that the party did not make a three-base hit.

Los Angeles Facing a Crisis

VERY important day for the city of Los Angeles has arrived, and the readers of The Herald who are voters are urged to cast their ballots today with care and discrimination befitting the occasion.

In some respects, it seems not too much to say, this is the most important election ever held by the citizens of this town, for it may settle for years to come whether the electorate that last year threw out a corrupt and recreant regime has the persistence to complete a good work well begun; whether an administration that has had the courage and stamina to dissociate itself from the evil elements in the community and enforce the law without fear or favor shall be sustained in its acts; whether it is worth while for able, clean, high-minded men to consider the appeal to give of their time to the public service.

WILL LOS ANGELES FOLLOW UP ITS HOUSECLEANING

The wickedness and profligacy of the former administration so aroused the people of Los Angeles that they determined to clean out the agents of privileged capital, and the grafters, parasites and partners of vice that had secured control. Some of the best and ablest men in the community agreed to aid the cause by serving in official capacities, which they have done to the great renown of the community, for Los Angeles is today widely known as one of the few large American cities that seemed determined upon the kind of management that makes a private corporation successful and great and makes a city worth living in.

The question now is: Having made this large step forward, will Los Angeles back it up? If it should today repudiate men like Mayor Alexander, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Whiffen and restore to power men like Barney Healy and Doctor Houghton, both of unsavory record, it will invite every member of the old regime and every self-seeking politician to aspire to the offices of power and opportunities for pelf, and thus encouraged and fortified by the restoration of these two arch apostles of machine rule, the "old push" will with redoubled energy seek the first opportunity to turn their minority in council to a working majority, and the people, discouraged and disorganized by defeat, will find it hard as never before to again win over the sordid elements of the community that maintain a compact, well-financed organization through what Grover Cleveland called the "cohesive power of public plunder."

TWO GOOD MEN AND TWO BAD ONES

Today is therefore a crisis for Los Angeles. It will show whether we are for clean government only by spasms or have a deep, settled conviction for good and honest municipal management. Over-topping all other issues, important as they are, is this one involving the moral welfare and fair name of the city. The eyes of the country are on Los Angeles because of the widespread interest aroused last year. That fact, as well as the probable effect on home interests, should stir the public spirit of residents of the right sort, who are in overwhelming majority, to unusual activity today.

The records of the aspirants for council, as set forth during the past month, are not disputed. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Whiffen are spoken of only in praise for their independence of character and experience in affairs. Hundreds, from the mayor down, vouch for them. Mr. Healy has a record in council of having voted for the "river bed steal," involving a million dollars of the city's assets, which was proposed to turn over to a corporation for nothing. Dr. Houghton did the same thing. Healy voted with the corporations against a reduction in the lighting rate from 9 cents to 8 cents, although those same corporations say they are now eager to give that rate to be spared another cut. It is therefore plain where Healy and Houghton would stand on any question between people and corporations. Houghton also has a police court record. Only one voice has been raised in his defense in this campaign, and that by the Record, which denounced him unmercifully as a councilman.

SHALL IT BE 8-CENT OR 7-CENT LIGHT?

At today's election it will also be decided whether the action of the council in reducing the rate for electric current from 8 cents to 7 cents shall be sustained. After investigation, through experts, by the board of public utilities, the council decided that 7 cents would give a fair return on the invested capital. The companies say it will not, although they are on record as having offered light to Pasadena on a three-year contract for 4 cents, with no minimum rate and extras thrown in, in the form of electrical appliances. The companies do not meet the accusation that they are overvalued and overcapitalized, and are asking the public to pay dividends on the inflation. They make a poor defense against the charge that by selling power below 1 cent to the trolley systems, while charging the merchants and householders a very much higher rate, they are discriminating unfairly against the individual buyer and compelling him to make up an actual loss on the rate to trolley roads.

The companies have put forward a list of the charges in several cities, purporting to show that the present Los Angeles rate is below the average, but in at least one case the Good Government organization has shown that their figures are incorrect, which inevitably leads to the suspicion that the whole list may be and probably is untrustworthy.

The Good Government party investigation has also revealed that in the cities of Spokane, Oakland, Cleveland, Seattle and Riverside electric current is being sold at a profit under 7 cents average (as well as in Pasadena). Therefore it does not seem plausible that the board of public utilities experts were far wrong in their statement that 7 cents will give the companies a good profit on actual capital, or that the council's indorsement of the report spells confiscation. Finally, the Edison company is on record as saying in a bond circular that its 1910 surplus at the present rate will pass the \$1,000,000 mark.

A CHANCE TO VOTE ON THE SQUARE DEAL

Another very important matter to be balloted upon today is the new license ordinance, which is a redraft of the one now in force. If the reader has examined the published schedules he already knows that the new one was drafted to repair unfairness and inequality in the old one, which it does admirably. The small dealer no longer is asked to pay the same rate as the large and wealthy one. The "per capita" system, so to speak, has given way to the "ad valorem" principle, whereby the rate of tax, small in the lower scale, will automatically increase as business grows. The new law recognizes the principle that the rich and prosperous should bear a greater share of the public burdens than the modest and perhaps struggling laborer, just as he is expected to pay more for his rent in larger and more beautiful quarters.

If ever an ordinance was drawn on the square deal plan this one was, and it would be a pity to defeat it both because of that and the further fact that the readjustment will add materially to the revenue of the city.

LET'S NOT BITE OFF MORE THAN WE CAN CHEW

The proposition to authorize the sale of the city hall site and building on Broadway, so that a new structure may be erected on the Temple block site is another matter up for the voters to pass upon. The Herald has made it plain that it is not opposed to a new city hall or to the proposed location, which is in conformity with the Robinson civic center plan. We favor the plan, but believe that Los Angeles had better "hide away"; that it can get along as at present and may be the great gainer by resisting the impulse, commendable in itself, to go ahead now.

The city now has on hand three enterprises calling for immense sums, one so large and daring that it has aroused the admiration of the entire country. They will require all the available funds to push to speedy completion. Meantime, The Herald believes it would be most unwise to take up any other project, and very unfortunate if the impression should get abroad that the city is plunging beyond a safe limit in improvements, or carried by undue enthusiasm to draw on its resources to the limit. If that idea should go abroad prop-

Not Convinced



pective investors in other towns whom we are inviting to come here will be apt to be deterred by reason of imaginary tax burdens.

And so, believing that nothing will be lost by waiting for two or three years until the union of city and county governments can have been effected (in all probability), and much may be gained, The Herald advises a vote against the sale of the present city hall.

RIGHT BACK TO THE FIRST SUBJECT

This resume of the big and important interests that are a part of the city government brings one inevitably back to the character of the men who must deal with the problems. Suppose these things were matters in the hands of one of our great American corporations or trusts. Does anyone for a moment believe that the investors in the securities of that corporation would listen to a suggestion that Barney Healy and Dr. Houghton should be put on the board of directors? Will the stockholders of the corporation of Los Angeles commit such a stupendous folly?

We hope and believe not. But we would like to see the decision so overwhelming today that it will be a long while before men of that character dare to aspire to grin in the face of a city they once outraged and aspire to places fit only for the ablest and most honorable men.

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.

CORPORATION ACTION BOOST FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Editor Herald: I would be glad to know where to find a better argument in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities than in the action of our public utilities corporations at the present time. It is amazing that they can be so short sighted as to come the cry-baby act when things do not go just as they want them to. Those of us who are fortunate (or unfortunate) enough to live in Hollywood are spending from twenty to thirty minutes a day more on the cars of the Los Angeles-Pacific Railway company at present, because they concern, sore over the passage of a certain ordinance, has decided to run its cars at a speed of twelve to fifteen miles an hour. Their schedule has probably never equalled twenty miles an hour, and the cars certainly could not be run at that speed under the present conditions of the roadbed and keep on the track. Nevertheless, in order to vent their spite, they lengthen the schedule from 33 to 50 per cent and try to lay the blame on the city council! If this silly action, and other acts of other corporations, is not enough to make a man vote for municipal ownership, I fail to see how he could be influenced by anything less drastic than a shotgun.

A. E. BRUCE, Los Angeles, June 28.

MODERN MINISTERS FORGET NAZARENE'S GENTLE TEACHINGS

Editor Herald: In the popular pulpit of today it must be too apparent to the most careless reader of the New Testament that the meek and lowly spirit which was so characteristic of the Christ is not that dwelt upon, but rather the strenuous life, the warrior, the heroic, the so-called manly. Hence we find the preachers who cannot raise sufficient enthusiasm in portraying the life of the meek and lowly Nazarene, or the morally heroic Paul, resorting to the cheap expedient of preaching Roosevelt or even King Edward, reserving as their remuneration cheap applause from worldly men and politicians. The spirit, teachings and life of Christ were non-resistance. If a man smite thee on the one cheek, turn the other also. If he take thy coat, let him take thy cloak also. If he compel thee to go a mile with him, go twain. The gentler, even the womanly graces, if you wish, were those which Christ exemplified and sought to teach. His courage was shown in speaking against the evils of his day and dying for his temerity. Now, to hold up, as is constantly done, men of brute force, who resent the least injury, whose cry is greater army and more navy, and whose illustrations for sermons from the bloodiest battles of the ages, and to hold these constantly before the minds of the youth of the land may elicit applause and develop physical courage, but does it make moral heroes? M. G. McCASLIN, M. G. McCASLIN, Whittier, June 27.

BUILD PLACE IN JAIL YARDS FOR FANATICS; LET PARKS BE FOR MURDERERS

Editor Herald: The parks of a city are generally laid out as a place of rest; therefore to take the seats out of Central park as stated in the morning papers would not alone be an injustice but would also be a foolish piece of business. Simply to beautify the park, with no accommodations for the people who seek rest in "God's acre," would be throwing \$57,000 to the wind. It has been said that many loafers hang around and obstruct the walk ways, just as though such a thing should cause the council to deny the good citizens a place to congregate. What harm can accrue from a "windy" crowd assembled to argue economic, political, philosophical, scientific, social or religious topics? If men have hobbies to argue on let them argue, so long as they offend no one. A widow with a small income on which she supported herself and family was stricken with a terrible illness which lasted for months. Local doctors and specialists from the city were called, and their skill triumphed. Slowly, with many relapses, she was brought back to the workaday world, but it was a different world. Appalling debt confronted her everywhere. To have died would have seemed less awful to her than to have lived and not to pay.

Her simple life had taught her no means of earning money but the slow process of hard labor, and soon we saw her going to and fro, trying with her impaired strength to do what in health would have been beyond her power.

Today she died suddenly at her work; saved by the doctors' skill, killed by the doctors' bill.

Is there not something wrong with the state which pensions those who bear arms, but will not pension those who bear and rear its sons, in their suffering and need? Which votes unlimited money for the business and happiness of the strong, and leaves its sick to be helplessly exploited unless they come to it as paupers? Surely we will in the future think differently of the mission of the state.

A NEIGHBOR, Avalon, June 27.

WOMAN SAVED BY DOCTOR'S SKILL IS KILLED BY BILL

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"Easy air," remonstrated the manager in the golf club house, "that language may be permissible on the links, but we can't permit it in here, sir."

"Blame it all!" said the offending member. "I've lost my collar button!"—Tonkers Statesman.

JOYOUS MENTAL EXERCISE

A lot of people nowadays are planning perfectly grand summer vacations they know very well they are not going to take.—Washington Herald.

Merely in Jest

THOSE QUESTIONS. (From the Chicago Record-Herald.) Wadsworth (at the telephone)—Hello! Is this Main 3967?

Voice at the other end—Yes. Who do you want to see?

Wadsworth—Is Mr. Hammersley there?

Voice at the other end—Yes. Do you want to talk to him?

Wadsworth—No, I want to kiss him.

A SENSE OF SUPERIORITY. (From the Washington Star.)

"How many times have you been arrested?" asked the court.

"A good many," replied Plodding Pete, "but only for small offenses. I never get pinched for violatin' de speed laws or fallin' to blow a horn."

SOME RELIEF. Now may we face the summer time with glee, Despite discouragement of sultry winds; From polar convalesces we'll be free, And have no Halley's comet on our minds.

REASONING. "She has wonderful brown eyes," exclaimed the enthusiastic young man.

"Then she does not dress in ultra fashion," commented Miss Cayenne.

"What makes you think so?"

"If she did her hat wouldn't permit you to see her eyes."

AND BOTH ON TIME, TOO. "What member of the class can mention one memorable date in Roman history?" Miss Lewis, Miss Taylor, Miss Rambau, Miss Rambau and Richard Appleby. Others in the audience were Mrs. Harry Alsworth, Mrs. Thian Coffey, Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. William Ellsworth Dunn, Mrs. George Montgomery, Mrs. D. C. McCann, Mrs. Hampton Story, Miss Elsie Waggoner, Miss Mildred Morris, Miss Lucile Clark, Dr. W. E. Waddell, Gregory Perkins, Mrs. Otto Sweet, Mrs. M. A. Hamburger, Mrs. C. L. Higbee, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Clover, Miss Lucella Conly and Mrs. F. J. Holmes.

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Far and Wide

WHY IS A WILDERNESS? "The reason there's a wilderness at all," says a Georgia philosopher, "is because the lazy chaps get out of it in a hurry, being afraid that they might be put to sawing wood. You even can't induce a candidate to chop wood when Philadelphians take to the woods."—Atlanta Constitution.

WHAT THE BARD AVOIDED. A prominent manager says Shakespeare founded the first theater trust. But he didn't find it on a superstructure of blended chorus girls, stupid musical comedies and Reno divorce cases.—Denver Republican.

A GROWING ARMY. Prospects of success are so bright that when anyone asks "What is a Democrat?" these days the answer is, "The fellow who is going to vote against the Republicans."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

HOPE FOR PHILADELPHIA. A Vienna physician has discovered that yawning is a complete cure for most diseases of the respiratory organs. Philadelphia, we presume, are immune from such diseases.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

A HOPELESS CASE. Our idea of a hopelessly sissy man is one who attends tea parties, although it is true that this far west you never encounter any such thirty-third degree mollycoddles.—Athlison Globe.

ONE REASON. "Seems to me the president is away from the capital a good deal."

"He is, that's a fact. But they play better ball in some other towns."—Philadelphia Ledger.

JOYOUS MENTAL EXERCISE. A lot of people nowadays are planning perfectly grand summer vacations they know very well they are not going to take.—Washington Herald.

"PILLARS OF SOCIETY" LANGES LIFE'S HUMBBUGS

Mrs. Fiske in Ibsen's Satirical Play Portrays Narrowness of 'Moral' Folks

BY FLORENCE BOSARD LAWRENCE

In writing the "Pillars of Society," which was presented at the Mason yesterday afternoon, Henrik Ibsen has revealed the hypocrites and humbugs of life so cleverly that we may all laugh even though we know that many of the uncharitable and narrownesses we see depicted on the stage are practiced daily by ourselves.

The satire is so keen and the humor of these plain "moral" folk so delicious that every lover of dialogue must find the play enjoyable. Those hypocritical ones who demand action and the conventionalities of dramatic form may find some faults with the play, but there is keen characterization in every personage, and an insight into the life of those narrow self-conscious men and women which makes us regard with comprehension Ibsen's scathing and the fullest the horrified amazement with which they would regard Lona Hessel when she cut her hair short and wore more than the usual amount of jewelry. It is entirely possible to understand the sudden departure of the sewing circle from this same Lona returns from America, where she has "even sung on the stage for money," and other horrible things, including "lecturing upon all sorts of topics," are included in the charge against her. Her broad minded womanly love of the shambling has deceived her, her effort to save him from the terrors of self-accusation and conscientious qualms, seem a reasonable evolution of that character which years before had led her to give him a loud box on the ear when his defection was first evidenced to her. In this character Mrs. Fiske was cast as her friends delight to see her. No soul-harrowing speeches hers, just the brief, snappy comment which carries more conviction for her crisp impersonal delivery. The returned Lona found the situation in her brother-in-law's home fair field for many of these comments. Never has Ibsen brought out more clearly that exact sort of piece which is "society" almost always suspect impure motives" and that dreadful and impressive "tyranny of custom" before which the courage and independence of many strong men and women has fallen, defeated.

Holbrook Blinn as the smug, domineering Consul Bernick, upon whom the burden of the play depends, is so eastern writers say, being prominent in this play for the stardom to which Mrs. Fiske designs him. If so, it is a good training school, for the part is an admirable one, and until the last act, when the situation is changed, she is a selfish consideration, he retains the tolerance of his audience only by his own personal power. The role interests but does not charm. In the last act, when the situation is changed, she is a selfish consideration, he retains the tolerance of his audience only by his own personal power. The role interests but does not charm. In the last act, when the situation is changed, she is a selfish consideration, he retains the tolerance of his audience only by his own personal power.

Both Mrs. Fiske and Mr. Blinn were recalled several times after each act yesterday, and the applause was genuine and enthusiastic. The cast is a long one and is well arranged, especially noticeable being the work done by Henry Stephenson as Dr. Rorlund, the school teacher, and by Mrs. Madron as Dina Dorf. Miss Madron has been seen here with Mrs. Fiske in the last two acts, but in no previous instance has her great personal charm and ability been so fully shown. The staging of the piece shows the careful attention to detail which both Mr. and Mrs. Fiske always give, and there was an impressive and well-planned effect which materially heightened the dramatic intensity of the third act.

Members of the theatrical world who were complimented guests of Mrs. Fiske noticed at her matinee yesterday afternoon were Miss Adele Farthington, Miss Lewis, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Rambau, Miss Rambau and Richard Appleby. Others in the audience were Mrs. Harry Alsworth, Mrs. Thian Coffey, Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. William Ellsworth Dunn, Mrs. George Montgomery, Mrs. D. C. McCann, Mrs. Hampton Story, Miss Elsie Waggoner, Miss Mildred Morris, Miss Lucile Clark, Dr. W. E. Waddell, Gregory Perkins, Mrs. Otto Sweet, Mrs. M. A. Hamburger, Mrs. C. L. Higbee, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Clover, Miss Lucella Conly and Mrs. F. J. Holmes.

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Artistic whistling will be displayed at the recital by pupils of the California school in Symphony hall, Blanchard building, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The program will be given by Miss Blanche Lashlee, Miss Alta Kent, Santa Ana; Miss Lizzie Brett, Harold Stewart, Miss Iverson, Miss Edna Zor Meade, and Miss Agnes Woodward of the faculty, Andrea Shorb Barnes, aged 11 years; Miss Clara La Fetra, Glendora; and Miss Elsie Elchorn. Vocal numbers will be given by Madame Anna Elaine Fisher and her pupil, Miss Maria Jacques.

Miss Esther Butler has issued invitations for a pupils' song recital in Music hall, Blanchard building, Friday evening.

BOY JUMPS OFF BROOKLYN BRIDGE; WINS \$250 PURSE

NEW YORK, June 29.—To win a purse of \$250 and two suits of clothes, Otto Eppers, a seventeen-year-old Brooklyn boy, jumped off the Brooklyn bridge this afternoon. He was rescued by the crew of a tug.