

RELATES HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES IN PUEBLO DAYS

Mrs. Stephen J. Rendell Grows Reminiscent Over Pioneering in Angel City

HOMESICKNESS NEARLY FATAL

Rain's Miracle Vivifies the Dusty Plains, and Bride Foresees Glowing Future

BY FLORENCE BOSARD LAWRENCE When the first railroad train went from the Pacific coast to the east side of the Rockies, forty-three years ago, it carried among its passengers Stephen J. Rendell, who journeyed eastward to marry and bring to his western home a beautiful young bride. So, on the second train which came west this eastern girl arrived in San Francisco, then a city of about 2500 persons, and after a short visit there sailed down the coast to her new home in Los Angeles. This city was then a primitive Spanish pueblo, where not more than half a dozen American families resided.

"If I had had to stay another year in this little, dusty place, where two successive years of drought had killed every bit of vegetation and where the dust in the streets and in the air made life seem hopeless, I believe I should have died," she said in speaking of her early experiences. "After a few months, however, when the rains came and I saw the wonderful results that followed I commenced to see what possibilities Los Angeles held. One day in speaking to a friend I said: 'I wish that I could live here for one hundred years. I am confident that in a century of time this city of the west will have grown to be one of beauty and culture, where the climate will bring travelers by the thousands and residents will strive to make their homes that they may enjoy the constant sunshine, the flowers and the wonderful ocean breezes.'"

When she voiced his prophecy Mrs. Rendell did not dream, nor did any of her acquaintances think, that today she would be living here in the midst of this glory which her own words had so clearly outlined and which even the most optimistic of settlers here did not dare to credit. "It is today as though I had lived that full century," said Mrs. Rendell. "In any other country or state the progress and development would have required at least that time, possibly much more. California, however, with its luxury of sunshine, its wealth of metal, floral and scenic possibilities, has outstripped my wildest flights of fancy, and today in less than half the century I think I might have found ourselves living in one of the fairest cities of the world."

PRIZES RARE PICTURES Mrs. Rendell has a well developed interest in matters of historic moment and has in her collection many rare pictures of scenes in the early Los Angeles, some of which have been secured by The Herald for reproduction. These pictures show more vividly than words can describe the unusual changes which have taken place in the city. From the low mission structures of wood and adobe, to the modern fish form of the hollow square, to the edifices of steel and concrete which modern skill and enterprise have erected along the streets of the city is a fair cry. Not more has been accomplished in that respect, however, than in thousands of other details, every one of which go to make a wonderful city.

It is a constant gratification to the residents of this city that so many of the pioneers are given the privileges of sharing in these wonderful improvements. Surely, if anything could make it worth while to have suffered deprivation of such a rich life, it would be the realization today that to some degree she had been instrumental in bringing these very pleasures and conveniences to this city.

PIONEER BRIDES BRAVE If the American woman had not come west, if she had not braved the dangers of Indian battles, the inconveniences of travel, the lack of spiritual and social environment, then there would have been no need for any of those features of her life and the west would still have been the wilderness it seemed for so many years. As the American woman usually gets what she wants and as the American man has been accused for many years to get for her those things she desires, it follows that all Los Angeles' present beauty is due directly to those first brave young brides impelled by love of husband and love of adventure to journey far from the comforts of parental homes. "All the town was over on the other side of the Plaza," said Mrs. Rendell, "and Mrs. Oja, one of the cleverest and most charming of those women of pioneer days was wont to speak of a certain piece of property owned by her husband as 'Sleepy Hollow,' because of its remote location and the general air of quietude and loneliness pervading its locality. That property is now occupied by the stores of Mr. Coulter and Mr. Robinson. Then Broadway did not exist at all, but was merely a continuation of First street, from up on the hill where the old fort of General Fremont was located. It was at the exact spot where Mrs. Banning now lives, that the first speaker, although the Banning home was not built until comparatively recently, Mr. Banning took his young wife to live at Wilmington, and it was there that their two daughters were born."

PICTURE SHOWS FREMONT The four women who were among the earliest pioneers were Mrs. Rendell, Mrs. Mary Banning, Mrs. John Edgar, are still among the most active and efficient of the workers along club and philanthropic lines of the city. They have preserved their interest in the activities of the world and its progress and are invaluable in the counsels and works of all those things which would benefit their fellow beings. Among the pictures which Mrs. Ran-

Mrs. S. J. Rendall, Who Came to Los Angeles Forty-three Years Ago



Civic Spirit Has Achieved Much in Decade, Declares Joseph Scott

BY JOSEPH SCOTT President of the Chamber of Commerce While the growth of Los Angeles has been truly phenomenal, yet the reasons therefor have all been healthy, natural and permanent. With the exception of the boom days of 1887, the growth of Los Angeles for the last twenty-five years has been steadily normal, but vigorous. Among the agencies contributing to that end has been the splendid civic spirit of its citizens. The way in which Los Angeles does things has now become almost a by-word, and our neighbors have taken the cue from our methods to stir up similar activities in their own vicinity. Every citizen of Los Angeles is a booster for his own city, and he does this, not only while away from home but likewise on his own sidewalk. He has no time for the pessimist or the man with a frown and his optimism is contagious and quickly seizes the newcomers who take up their abode here.

With such a civic spirit, the splendid climatic conditions which surround our city, the diversity of attractions for the man of leisure and the man of industry, the opportunities for the investment of capital to the one seeking a return for his money, there is no need to be astonished at the results. It may be said with pardonable pride that the chamber of commerce, through its splendid system of publicity in advertising and boosting, has had no small share in the credit of this magnificent showing, and too much cannot be said in cordial recognition of the chamber's activities in behalf of its efficient and indefatigable and unique secretary, in the dynamic personality of Frank Wiggins. Surely the results accruing from such activities will be a stimulus to still further increase the usefulness of the chamber during the coming years; when, with the coming of the Owens river and the completion of our harbor to meet the commerce of the Panama canal, a new era of still greater moment will be ushered in for this and succeeding generations.

One picture showing General Wood and his staff in the old Aliso street. This picture was situated, as Mrs. Rendell remembers, near the present location of the Maler brewery plant. In the picture an unbroken expanse of country is shown, over which this tall palm towered mightily. Another picture shows the first Episcopal church of the sunny small frame building, located only a few hundred feet from a horse corral where Mexicans and campers put their hay and beasts of burden. This corral, which occupied practically the entire block, was at First and Main streets where the Nadeau hotel now stands.

The house of Judge and Mrs. Oja is also shown in one of the pictures which Mrs. Rendell cherishes and presents a poor enough exterior to have sheltered one of the loveliest and most brilliant daughters of the sunny south. Mrs. Oja was never daunted by the difficulties of life here, but maintained her spirit and her social and personal charm despite all obstacles and to the last days of her life was one of the most noted women of Los Angeles.

NINTH STREET IN COUNTRY The first home of Judge and Mrs. O'Melveny and many other residences of pioneer days are perpetuated in delightfully clear photographs which Mrs. Rendell has and the pictures of the old Lafayette hotel, the smart hotel and cafe of those days, the original Temple block and many other buildings are full of interest to the historian as well as to the casual traveler. Senate amendment No. 52, providing for the raising of \$5,000,000 for the Panama-Pacific international exposition, appears to be in doubt.

CONGRESSMAN HAYES WINS BY 17,500 OVER OPPONENT SAN JOSE, Nov. 9.—Congressman Hayes, chairman of the house insurgents, was returned to his seat in the house of representatives by the unprecedented vote of 17,500 over his opponent.

Mr. Hayes will go to Washington this month, and his immediate attention will be given to securing the Pacific Panama exposition for San Francisco.

NEVADA RENO, Nov. 9.—Complete returns from all parts of Nevada indicate the election of most of the Republican ticket by large pluralities. United States Senator George Nixon has been endorsed for re-election by one of the largest pluralities ever accorded a candidate in this state. It is estimated that he will lead his Democratic opponent, Key Pittman, by 4 to 1. E. E. Roberts, Republican, will succeed George A. Bartlett, a Democrat, as representative in congress. He wins from Charles S. Sprague, Democrat, by a small plurality. The Rev. L. O'Neil has defeated Denver S. Dickerson, Democrat, for governor by a large plurality. Senator Nixon has carried every county in the state.

IOWA DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 9.—Returns from 702 precincts out of 2500 indicate the reelection of Governor Carroll. The precincts which went out the Porter gains in the cities and give the incumbent a lead of 275 votes.

LOS ANGELES NOW UP WITH LEADERS

Census Report Shows This City More Than Trebles in Size in 10 Years

PASSES MANY PLACES IN RANK Business and Commerce Keep Step with Remarkable Increase in Population

(Continued from Page One) that the census bureau at Washington could hardly realize that this city could leap ahead as she has in population. "I am highly gratified at the showing which has been made. If anything we did not get all the people that were to be counted. They were coming into the city in a hurry to settle here, even while we were counting." That the wonderful growth of the city will continue is the opinion of many enthusiastic citizens who expressed themselves last night. Here are some of their opinions: C. C. Desmond, merchant—"To say I am delighted to learn Los Angeles has a population of 319,198 persons would be putting it mildly. Yet it is no surprise to me. During the twenty years of my residence here I have seen the city grow from a straggling pueblo of 7000 persons to a metropolis with a population of 319,198. The most enthusiastic booster cannot praise that which to come. Good intelligent and responsible people for this growth, combined with the fact that we can back up our statements with facts. Add to this that Los Angeles is geographically situated right at the center of the world, and the fact for the building of a mighty center of trade and commerce and you have the basis of her growth and prosperity.

IS TALK OF THE EAST "The Angeleno who has traveled in the east recently can appreciate Los Angeles as the center of the world more than the resident who has stayed at home. During a recent trip to New York, Boston and throughout the New England states, I found Los Angeles spoken in the lobbies of the hotels on the streets and in the halls of public buildings as if it were suburban to these eastern cities. "I reported, intelligent, legitimate advertising, as used by our chamber of commerce, is responsible in the main for the results we are obtaining. I visited the Los Angeles exhibit on the famous boardwalk of Atlantic City, where thousands upon thousands of persons congregate, and after seeing the letter and the poster, I was aroused I am certainly more in favor of these advertising bureaus than ever before. To much credit cannot be given our chamber of commerce."

J. M. Elliott, banker—"While we cannot expect as great a growth in proportion as to census figures in the next ten years as we have had in the past ten years, yet I believe that there will be just as great a percentage of actual development, particularly in the establishment of industries. I believe that in the future, however, we will have our population, and that then our boundaries will have become extended. "There is a natural attraction here for the city and the people, and the energy and go-aheadness, is contagious and affects all people. One of Los Angeles' greatest drawing cards is the fact that we have here in fact all that we represent. The people that come to Los Angeles and settle keep the mails heavy with all the good things they can say about the climate, the air, the people, and the fact that this voluntary advertising is that either their next-door neighbor back east or their relatives pack up their belongings and move to Los Angeles."

WHY EVERYTHING DESIRABLE "If I had my choice, I would have 319,198 persons in Los Angeles because this city has everything desirable on earth in the way of people, climate, money, brains and enterprise. It is no exaggeration to say that the people of Los Angeles have the cream of the United States as to the best in citizenship. No man on earth, not even the most enterprising, could find a better place than what our census figures will read ten years from today."

Bishop County—"I am pleased to hear Los Angeles has 319,198 persons." D. J. Loomis, former mayor of Los Angeles and congressman elect—"Certainly the census figures are most gratifying. They are about what we expected when the work of counting them was begun. I do not know just what rank Los Angeles will take among the cities of the country, but certainly it will be in the first five. We and our great gain in the past decade should prove to congress that this city is deserving of attention. I don't believe there is any other city in the world that has a million population by 1925."

Harry Loomis, co-partner with his brother, C. C. Loomis, in the Angelus hotel, discussed the census figures. "I fully expected it would be that large, for in a place like this one has a good chance to judge the influx of newcomers which go to swell the census returns. I really stated something ago that it would be as large as it is. And they will keep coming. Why, right now, I venture to say there are 320,000 persons in Los Angeles. And it is mighty gratifying to me for I have been here since the time when we set 50,000 people as the mark for which to strive and it wasn't so long ago, either."

WHAT A VISITOR SAYS The Rev. Madison C. Peters, a distinguished visitor: "Wonderful, wonderful! Yet no more wonderful than other things in this beautiful city. Still, when it is analyzed, such a marvelous growth is not so wonderful. It would have been many times greater if the people of east—the smug, self-satisfied residents of the east, could only be made to realize the magnitude, the grandeur and idealness of the climatic conditions here. They could not be troubled if they but knew. The trouble is they cannot be made to realize what they are missing. "The census returns show a gain of something over 200,000 in the past ten years. It is almost unbelievable, yet on every side of us can be seen the reason. I think I venture to predict that a similar increase will come in the next ten years. The climatic conditions here will draw as heavily as ever." Allen Pederson, manager of the Van

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