

SHINE, ONE DIME; THAT'S THE NEXT?

Even Bootblacks Contribute to Make Cost of Living Ascend Another Peg

INCREASED RENTS THE CAUSE

Polishers Say They Can't Pay Present Prices on Five-Cent Basis

The high cost of living has even gone down to the polish on your shoes. Not content with taxing the food you eat, the clothes you wear, the rent of the house you live in, it has even descended to your shoes, for the bootblacks—say it in a whisper—have "organized" with a big "O" and raised the price of a "shine" to 10 cents.

"Ain't it awful, Mabel?" "Charlie" may have to walk home to save car fare after passing the evening with you if he wants his shoes to look like new and reflect your smile. And all because the rent has been raised on the "bootblacks" in the downtown district.

The "shine 'em ups," on the other hand, think it is high time the dime should replace the nickel. They say they are paying exorbitant rents and that they have been giving more than a nickel for a shine. They call attention to the newspapers they furnish you to read while you wait and to the "brushing off" they give you, together with "shine 'em ups," all of which you actually have been getting in return for a nickel.

"Jimmie" Semprano, who pays \$75 a month rent for a 2x3 space at 233 South Broadway, expressed himself without restraint on the raise last night.

"We give a grand shine for a dime," he said. "We give de pape to read and de gooda brush and se cheap guy he hand us de nick wid no tip. I paya de one grand rent and no make se man. Wat you tink, huh? You lika de dime—you lika see us make de mun lika dat one Rockefeller?"

NEGRO POLISHERS IN LINE Dannie Thompson Brown, the negro who shines "em up" on one of the downtown corners in the shadow of a cigar stand, pleaded dissatisfied to his little space against the wall.

"You all see dis," he said. "I pay a heap more rent what I ought to. I actually give a shine what's worth de money, give 'em papers to read and a brushin' off what can't be equalled in this city. In Frisco dey tax 'em a dime and snub 'em if dey don't come across wid a tip. You lika de dime—we've been givin' shins away—dat's what we have, man—been givin' 'em away."

Just how the increase will affect the public remains to be seen. The other nickel may come out of the car fare of young Lochinvars or be taken from the till of the big man. It may even result in an increase in the sales of shoe polish and shoe brushes in the department stores.

At all events the bootblack figures will be a drop off for a while they will come back and become used to the advance in prices, just as the public has swallowed the advance in meat, clothes and rents.

STEALS HORSE TO START ON BAD MAN CAREER

Walter Stephens, Age 15, Taken at Station After Buying Wild West Outfit

Possibly a bold, bad, quick shooting, hard fighting desperado was spoiled in the making when Walter Stephens, 15 years of age, was arrested at the Arcade station yesterday afternoon for boarding a train for some place in Nevada. The boy is charged with having stolen a horse, sold it for \$45 and expended a large part of the money in the purchase of what he considered a typical bad man's outfit. The police say that the boy has confessed. Patrolman C. L. Fisher arrested the lad.

Young Stephens, who lives at 1339 Laurence street and who was out on probation for attempting some playful tricks on some of his young companions with a revolver a few months ago, started out yesterday morning for the wilds, determined to reach a spot on earth where a "man" could wear a gun and flourish it without being molested by the authorities. Having no funds he determined to raise some in a hurry. The first thing of value which he noticed as he sauntered along East Ninth street was a black horse. He took the animal to the home of J. I. Medlin at 2107 East Ninth street, and there disposed of it for \$45.

Things were going his way in great shape, and his next move was to lay in a supply of "artillery" and proper "togs" to go with it. He bought a 45-caliber revolver and belt of cartridges. Then with a broad-brimmed hat with a very attractive hair band, high-heeled boots of the latest design, a shirt and neck handkerchief, and he was ready to go to Caliente, Nev., and become a desperado.

In the meantime Medlin had become suspicious of the real ownership of the horse and notified the police. They were on the lookout for Walter when he appeared at the Arcade station to buy his ticket his pan was nipped in the bud and he was taken to central station.

There it was all off, for Detectives Beaumont and Cowan questioned him until he confessed taking the horse. He was sent to the detention home, and now the officers are looking for the owner of the nice looking black horse which furnished young Stephens with his start in life.

Shine Five Cents? Nix! It's Ten Cents! See That Sign on the Wall?



SUFFRAGISTS PLAN DINNER SURPRISES

Mayor Alexander Will Address Political Equality Banquet to Legislators

Interest in the proposed banquet to be given by the Political Equality league to the visiting legislators-elect December 16 is most pronounced. Mrs. Shelley Tolhurst, head of the committee to arrange the program, reported to the executive council yesterday that she had secured a representative list of speakers, each of whom will offer a five-minute address following the banquet which will be given in the large dining room of the Alexandria.

The speakers whose names will be placed on the invitations which go out today are Mrs. Andrew Stewart Lobingier, Mrs. Roy Jones of Santa Monica, Mrs. Seward Simons of Pasadena, Mrs. Oliver P. Clark, president of the Friday Morning club; Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson, head of organization committee of the Political Equality league and first vice president of the Friday Morning club; Mrs. David Chambers McCann, president Southern California Woman's Press club and second vice president Friday Morning club; Mrs. Shelley Tolhurst, Lieutenant Governor-elect A. J. Wallace, Senator-elect L. S. R. Hewitt, T. E. Gibbon, J. H. Braly, Walter Trask, the Rev. Robert J. Brdette and J. S. Slauson.

Mayor George Alexander will also be present and will offer a few remarks, and one or two specially delightful surprises in the way of amusing features will be made public later.

The announcement of this banquet has led to a decided move in favor of votes for women, and a keenly awakened interest already has led many women to inquire at the league headquarters, 612 State building, for literature and information on the subject.

POSTAGE IS WRONG ON MAIL TO FOREIGN PARTS

Two-Cent Rate Applies to Only a Few Countries

Postmaster Harrison has received advice from Washington to the effect that many letters mailed in the United States, which are subject to the postal union postage rates, are prepaid only 2 cents, the senders of the letters being under the impression, it is presumed, that the 2-cent domestic postage rate is applicable to their letters.

The only foreign countries to which the 2-cent letter rate applies are Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Newfoundland, the canal zone, the republic of Panama, Germany (by direct steamers only), England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, and the city of Shanghai, China.

To all other countries the rate is 5 cents for the first ounce or fraction thereof, and 2 cents for each additional ounce. For instance, a single rate letter, prepaid only 2 cents, would be subjected on delivery to an additional postage charge of 6 cents.

As charges for postage due on short-paid letters give rise to much complaint, postmasters are directed by the Washington authorities to caution the patrons of their offices respecting the matter.

COMMISSION CONSIDERS CONSOLIDATION PROBLEMS

The consolidation commission held an executive session with the water board in the offices of the latter yesterday afternoon. The question of consolidation as it affects distribution of water was discussed. This problem is one of the most serious that the consolidation commission has to consider, and it has primarily to do with the Owens river water in territory over which the city will have political control that consolidation has been made an issue.

CUSTOMS OFFICE GETS RAISE

The treasury department at Washington has granted the United States customs office here an allowance yearly of \$2100 for additional help, according to C. W. Pendleton, collector of port, who has just returned from an official visit at Washington. The increase in the amount of business at the customs office here has swamped it with work, and the additional sum probably will be spent in the employment of two additional clerks.

GLAD TO GET BACK TO CAL.

John Heddan, formerly general manager of the Tonopah & Goldfield railroad, was back on his new duties at the agent for the C. A. Maydewell company, a railroad supply house, with headquarters in San Francisco. Mr. Heddan will take on his new duties at once. He stated yesterday that he "was mighty glad to get back to California—the only state in the Union."

OFFICERS OF JAPANESE CRUISER ENTERTAIN MAYOR AND GUESTS ABOARD FLAGSHIP

Rear Admiral Yashiro and the other men and officers on board the Japanese cruisers Arama and Kasagi played hosts yesterday afternoon aboard the flagship Asama. Programs printed in English announced the affair as an "At Home." The hospitality shown the 500 guests was a compliment in return for the entertainment that has been tendered the admiral, officers and men during the past week.

The entertainment began at 2 o'clock, and when the visitors left the ship at sundown the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" to the lowering of colors, while the sons of Nippon saluted.

The cruisers were gayly decorated. There were long strings of electrical lights, Japanese lanterns, festoons of artificial flowers and plants that were remarkable specimens of Japanese art, booths representing the sacred snow-capped peak of Japan, fashioned from waste from the engine room, a canvas tarpaulin and the rubber coats of the sailors for the base, an imitation of the bird, emblematic of peace, holding the Japanese and American flags in its bill—all the work of the sailors aboard.

The decoration called for many exclamations of surprise and admiration from the American visitors. The entertainment provided was wide in scope and included skill in various games, table tennis and Japanese art, and a Jap score on the crowd during that part of the entertainment devoted to sports.

FENCING WITH BAMBOO This was followed by an exhibition of fencing. Japanese fencing does not stop at the contestants touching each other lightly. When a Jap scores the point that wins the most applause it is when he is able to strike his opponent a hard blow over the head or shoulder with a bamboo stick and a rapier, retaining blow. Both men wear headgear like a baseball mask and heavy pads over head, shoulders and hips, besides a stout coat of mail made of bamboo.

There was also an exhibition of fancy dancing, in which the dancers went through dramatic as well as acrobatic performances to the tune of Japanese music that seemed to mean much to the Japanese and brought forth great applause. The dramatic possibilities of the Japanese was also well illustrated in the Japanese play that was given.

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SIGHTSEEING TOUR TODAY On deck punch, cigars and cigarettes were served, while in the cabin below an excellent lunch was spread. Many of the prominent citizens of Los Angeles were among the guests. Representing the city officially were Mayor Alexander, Councilmen Betkouski and Lusk, J. S. Myers, city auditor; Clarence M. Taggart, tax collector, and Frank M. Henderson, the mayor's secretary. Most of the city officials were accompanied by their wives.

Today the officers on the cruisers will be guests of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce on an automobile sightseeing tour. They will leave San Pedro at 12:20 P. M. and will be accompanied by the business and residence portions of the city will be taken to Pasadena, where they will be entertained.

LEAGUE IS FORMED BY PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Fair Coloradoan Enthusiasm Banquet Guests and Organization Follows

Colorado's most noted woman lobbyist, Dr. Mary E. Bates of Denver, was the guest of honor at a banquet at the University club last night and the fifty women who were hostesses, and who are engaged in the practice of medicine, dentistry, nursing, etc., prominent citizens of Los Angeles, organized the Professional Women's league.

Dr. Bates has devoted her efforts as lobbyist in the Colorado legislature to the furtherance of measures calculated to be helpful to the women and children of the centennial state. She had one of the things accomplished in the enthusiasm born of what she said was largely responsible for the organization of the league.

There were two other guests last night, Dr. Lucile E. P. Jones of Salt Lake City, and Dr. Frances Sercombe of Milwaukee. Among the Los Angeles women were successful physicians, lawyers and dentists, and representative other professions. Dr. Roze Bullard was toastmistress. Dr. Elizabeth Kearney spoke for the women physicians; Dr. Evangeline Jordan for the dentists; Dr. Lillian Ray for the high schools, and Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz told of her experiences with the law class she is teaching.

Dr. Jordan was elected temporary head of the league which was formed. No date was set for the next meeting, but the women are determined to complete the organization of the league and make it an effective and progressive institution at the earliest possible date.

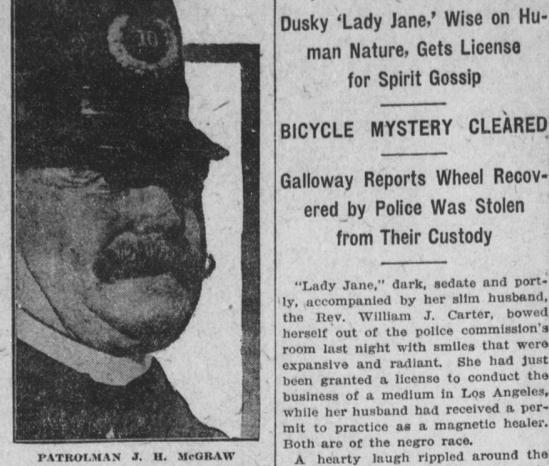
DEMANDS EVIDENCE; GETS HIS WISH—ALSO A FINE

Robert McDonald declined to enter a plea on a charge of chicken-stealing before Police Judge Rose yesterday morning until he had been told whether there was any evidence against him. "Enter your plea and you'll soon find out about the evidence," said the court.

"Produce your evidence," replied McDonald. "Forthwith the evidence was produced, which tends to show that three young chicks missing from the henhouse of an elderly woman in East Los Angeles bodily 'followed' McDonald from their roost. What McDonald saw an officer, however, he promptly dropped the birds and submitted to arrest.

The court imposed a fine of \$30, with the alternative of as many days in the city jail.

BEAU BRUMMEL OF POLICE FORCE, WHO HELPS UNCLE SAM



PATROLMAN J. H. MCGRAW

IBBETSON CHILDREN LEAVE CITY BY ORDER OF COURT

Action Follows Report They Are in Ill Health

The three children of Maud Rice Ibbetson and Robert Edwin Ibbetson, wealthy residents of West Adams street and principals in a divorce action now pending in the superior court, yesterday were ordered sent to Alhambra until they are improved in health.

It was represented to Judge Conley of Madera, sitting in department five of the superior court for Judge Conroy, who is in Imperial, that the health of the children demanded that they remain in Alhambra until Dr. Edward T. Dillon, who is attending them, considers them sufficiently improved to make a return here perfectly safe.

Mrs. Ibbetson is suing her husband, a wealthy real estate operator, who resides at 1190 West Adams street, for divorce on the ground of extreme cruelty, receiving alimony of \$300 a month pending the hearing of the action.

Judge Conley granted decrees of divorce to May E. Baldwin from Philip Baldwin and to Jennie Recker from Bernard J. Recker. Desertion was the charge in both cases.

Five new actions were filed. They were those of Maria Ramirez against Eduardo Ramirez, Priscilla Ada Dillon against William T. Dillon, Olive M. Pratt against John B. Pratt, A. M. Harris against C. E. Harris and Mabel M. Wyckoff against Lewis H. Wyckoff.

POLICE BRUMMEL ON DUTY AT P. O.

Waxed Mustache Merely a Feature of Pride of the 'Finest' Who Greets Tourists

When you take your Christmas mail to Los Angeles' brand new postoffice and are in doubt where to drop it, ask the policeman with the waxed mustache and shining buttons, standing like a marble statue in the entrance way. He is Patrolman J. H. McGraw, 13 years a postoffice policeman and the Beau Brummel of the force.

Although he has the appearance of having just stepped out of a bandbox, McGraw is a guardian of the peace and has seen active service. The yegg men and pickpockets have learned to steer clear of the watchful officer's eye, and as a consequence there are few violations of the law at the postoffice.

In McGraw Uncle Sam has a walking information bureau on the city's pay roll as well as a peace preserver. It is even said Postmaster Harrison has asked him questions as to what's what in the mail service, and the women seldom pass the doorway where he stands like a soldier on dress parade that they do not ask for some of the information always on hand for general delivery.

McGraw has moved all over town with the postoffice beat. His longest period in one place was at Seventh and Grand avenue, where he ruled the street vendors with a kind but firm hand.

McGraw says that no one in Los Angeles is more pleased than he that this city has at last an established postoffice where an always come back and find it in the same place in the morning.

It is said at police headquarters that a policeman on duty at the postoffice must in a glance be typical of the ideal policeman.

McGraw, spick and span, fills the bill and is prepared to answer any questions.

PASSING TEAMSTER SAVES RESIDENCE FROM FLAMES

J. W. Peacock, owner of a \$30,000 house at Hobart and Wilshire boulevards, has an unknown teamster to thank for saving the structure from a destructive fire early yesterday.

The teamster was passing the building, which has just been completed, shortly before daylight. Noticing a glow in the basement he turned in an alarm and the department arrived just in time to prevent the floors from catching fire.

Peacock said the loss will be less than \$100.

LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE WEST OF CHICAGO Hamburger's BROADWAY, EIGHTH & HILL STREETS

Royal Regent Corsets Special \$2.65 and \$1.39 Exceptional Opportunity Take Advantage Today

The Sale of Silks Continues Wanted Weaves at 50c, 75c and \$1.00 If You Did Not Get Down Monday Come Today

Full Length Kimonos at \$2.50 Neatly made of crepe or flannelette in the latest styles and attractive colorings. Dainty and comfortable. They make pretty and practical Christmas gifts. Buy them on the second floor.

SPECIAL! Cottage and Dinner Sets at Record-Breaking Prices: Note! Never were there such values as these! The purchase of a manufacturer's surplus stock at a figure that was astonishingly low—that is the whyfore of these prices. The patterns are beautiful.

Cottage Set of Porcelain for \$2.37 Dinner Set for Twelve People \$5.00 Dinner Set—Exceptional at \$7.50 Another Set for Twelve People \$10