

### AUTOS IN GARDEN AREA WILL CHARM

#### Beautiful Setting for Display of Machines for Throngs at Fiesta Park

That the staging of the Automobile show which opens tonight at Fiesta park under the auspices of the Licensed Motor Car Dealers' association will be the most alluring spectacle of its kind witnessed anywhere in the city, has come into vogue, will undoubtedly be the verdict of the thousands of motorists who in the course of the week will find their way inside the great canvas tent. It is as near an open air show as could possibly be made, since it is necessary to have some overhead covering to keep out dust or possible rain. The scene inside the tent will resemble that of a tropical garden set down among the giant redwoods of the north. The arrangements of every decorative feature could not be more complete. There are scores of giant sequoias, a cascade and a wide mountain stream, the banks set with ferns and other foliage; a deep pool at the end of the tent, and the entire wall space a scenic effect on canvas of mountains and plains. The floor of the great amphitheater is carpeted with green burlap.

The claimed elite of motor cars will make up the exhibits, and that they are a handsome lot is without question. More than five-hundred automobiles in various models will be exhibited; also a specially built amper will house a show of commercial cars—the first exclusive exhibit of its kind ever held on the coast.

The entertainment features for the public have been well selected. As the opening is on Christmas eve, the musical numbers will be more complete. A Santa Claus will add to the holiday effect.

The show will remain open daily, except Sunday, until December 31, and the thousands of dollars spent in its preparation will insure a spectacle worth going many miles to see.

### WEALTHY MAN ACCUSED OF ASSISTING SMUGGLERS

#### Deputy U. S. Attorney Informed of Texas Arrest

Deputy United States Attorney Frank Stewart received word yesterday of the arrest in El Paso, Tex., of Jose Dios Gonzalez, a wealthy resident of that city, on a charge of aiding the smuggling of opium into the United States. The charge was preferred by the local officers and the man will be brought to this city for trial.

It is asserted that Gonzalez worked with Jose Vegas Collojo, a Mexican who was arrested here a few days ago, when he received a trunk containing \$2500 worth of opium from El Paso. Gonzalez is alleged to have sent the trunk to Collojo. Collojo is being held in the county jail awaiting action of the federal grand jury.

### VETERINARIAN VINDICATED OF MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Dr. E. R. Sparks, a veterinary surgeon, was discharged from custody yesterday after the conclusion of his preliminary examination on a charge of manslaughter in Police Judge Rose's court.

Sparks struck J. Keistead December 8, and in falling Keistead's head struck the pavement, fracturing his skull. He died a few days later in the county hospital and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against Sparks. Sparks' preliminary examination vindicated him of all responsibility in Keistead's death. Attorney Frank W. Hovey conducted his defense.

### LIVE WIRES CAUSE DEATH OF POWER HOUSE EMPLOYEE

Walter Strong, an apprentice electrician in the Pacific Electric power house, was found dead and his body burned almost to a crisp at the company's plant, Sixth street and Central avenue, yesterday morning. The coroner gave a verdict of accidental death.

Strong, from the position of his body, evidently became entangled in live wires at the plant and was instantly killed. His body being burned by the high powered wires. He was 19 years old and lived at 1311 1/2 West Ninth street.

### HIT BY WAGON AND AUTO

Knocked down by a wagon near First and Spring streets yesterday, Edward Turner of 356 Buena Vista street rose to his feet only to be struck by an automobile. He suffered slight contusions of the scalp and left arm. Dr. C. H. Haight, living at 732 San Pedro street, who was driving the wagon, conveyed Turner to the receiving hospital, where his injuries were dressed. The automobile did not stop.

### GARDENA WANTS LIGHTS

Lights for Gardena will be provided if T. L. O'Brien's light committee can accomplish it. The committee will ask the council Tuesday to instruct the board of public works to investigate and determine how many lights are needed at Gardena and to install some of them at once. This action was taken on a petition from G. L. Sosa.

### DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Divorce actions filed yesterday in the superior court were those of Henry M. Bush against Frankie Jane Bush and Green Nickelson against Chas. Nickelson.

### FOUR GENERATIONS—ALL ARE DOCTORS

## DR. LOK GEE QUAN

Formerly of the Peikin sanitarium, has recently arrived in this city. Dr. Quan is the great-grandson of Dr. L. M. Quan, who founded the Peikin sanitarium in 1770 in Peikin, China. Like his father and grandfather, Dr. Lok GEE QUAN has his opportunity to practice at the old renowned sanitarium for 15 years, and is now located at 521 South Hill street, where he will be glad to meet anyone who may care to consult with him in regard to his or her ailment. The doctor uses Chinese herbs only imported direct from Peikin, China.

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### SANTA FE PLANS TRAIN SERVICE TO ROSE FETE

#### Specials Will Arrive in Pasadena Prior to Parade

The traffic department of the Santa Fe announced yesterday the special train service which will maintain on January 2 to accommodate those wishing to attend the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena.

### ASSOCIATION HITS RACING AT ASCOT

#### Drivers Who Participated in Recent Oldfield Meet Suspended for One Year

An Associated Press dispatch yesterday announced that at a meeting held in New York on Friday the board of the American Automobile association has decided to suspend for one year, and also to suspend all other drivers who participated in the Oldfield meet at Ascot on December 11 and 12, because of their conduct.

### MAN AWARDED DAMAGES FOR ACCIDENT TO SON

#### Jury Gives Father \$375 and Boy \$5000 for Loss of Arm

A jury in Judge McCormick's department of the superior court yesterday gave John W. Fisher and his son, Alfred Fisher, judgments for damages aggregating \$575 against the Wells-Fargo Express company, which they had sued for \$25,000.

Alfred Fisher, 12 years old, was the victim of an accident by which he lost an arm when he fell in front of a car of the Pacific Electric Railway company at Compton, more than a year ago. The father brought suit for \$25,000 as the guardian of his son, naming the Pacific Electric, the express company and C. E. Tyler, its agents, as defendants. The express company denied that it was over goods in its charge that the boy fell. For himself, as father, Fisher asked \$375 because of the lack of his son's services.

### EXPRESS COMPANY SUED

W. H. Bosley yesterday began an action in the superior court to recover \$1000 from the Wells-Fargo Express company, alleging that June 10, 1909, two Japanese vases, valued at the sum for which he sues, were broken while in transit between San Pedro and Los Angeles.

### NEGRO ASKS FOR LENIENCY

Perman Faucette, a negro, yesterday pleaded guilty to swearing falsely as to the age of Dora Brown when he obtained a marriage license November 21 of the superior court set January 3 as the time for a hearing on the matter.

### News of the Courts

### SLAYER GREEN FREED UNDER UNWRITTEN LAW

#### Defendant's Daughters Clasp the Hands of Jurors—Victim's Wife Expects Verdict

After deliberating ten minutes, a jury in Judge Willis' department of the superior court yesterday afternoon reached a verdict declaring J. Howard Green, an attorney, not guilty of murder for having killed Thomas B. Skidmore.

Following the announcement of the verdict there was both emotion and commotion in the court room. The attorneys for Green shook hands with their client, and his two young daughters, who had cried during his recital of the facts, joyously embraced him and then ran to the jury box to clasp the hands of the men who had given the verdict which made them so happy.

Mrs. Green maintained the calm which has characterized her during the trial, and Mrs. Skidmore, the widow of the dead man, declared that she had expected no other kind of verdict and said that Mrs. Green had been to blame for the trouble in its entirety.

The proceedings in the case yesterday were confined almost entirely to the arguments of the opposing attorneys. Green being nearly overcome when his legal representatives graphically recited the incidents which led to his killing the man who wanted Mrs. Green to desert her husband.

The early fondness of Mrs. Green and Skidmore for each other was retold; the letters which had passed between them were described; their meeting in the park was pictured; his begging of her to join him, Skidmore's call at the Green home and his death, all were recounted, together with Skidmore's explanation of Green as his killer.

Nearly everybody connected with the case expected the verdict which the jury rendered, although some of them declared that while it was compatible with the unwritten law, it was not conformable to that which is written.

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#### Old Soldier Drunk When Aiding Youth to Steal

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### Municipal Affairs

### CITY'S BIG POCKETBOOK SAGS DURING HOLIDAYS

#### Sixty-Four Dollars Now Remains from General Expense Fund of \$200,000

The city yesterday found itself in the same position with people who have completed their Christmas shopping and contemplate their pocketbooks. Out of \$200,000 set aside in the general expense fund last July there is only \$64.28 left, according to a report J. H. Fountain, deputy city auditor, made to the finance committee yesterday.

But conditions are not quite as bad as they appear on the auditor's books. More than \$30,000 has been loaned from the general expense fund to the street lighting fund, street opening and widening fund, and other funds of that kind and all that money will go back into the general expense account.

Nor are conditions as bad as they were under the former council. That body began its fiscal year with a general expense fund of \$250,000, but at this time last year had to take \$100,000 from the reserve fund and transfer it to the general expense fund. The present council has not had to touch the reserve fund and does not intend to do so unless it is found absolutely necessary.

There is \$550,000 in the reserve fund, but this money is to be carefully saved to cover what are called the "dry months," the period between June and November, when there is no money coming in from taxes.

When these facts are contemplated it shows the city still is in a good financial condition, although there is only a little chewing gum money in its right hand trousers pocket.

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"Sure," was Evers' response.

Then the plan of the young stranger was explained and Evers, being intoxicated, agreed to it. He speedily was caught and placed in jail, but the younger man could not be found.

### BROWN WOMAN BREED

Mrs. Nellie Brown, who came to Los Angeles from South Carolina with her husband Harvey Zemp and was charged with attempting to kill him at Redondo Beach, was placed on probation for two years yesterday by Judge Willis of the criminal department of the superior court. She will return to the south immediately.

### MARRIAGE ANNULLMENT ASKED

Ada B. Baggs yesterday filed in the superior court an action for the annulment of her marriage to Harry M. Baggs, a broker. She says they were married in Salt Lake City in 1903, when Baggs had a legal wife living. She wants \$50 a month for the support of herself and a daughter, Mary Baggs, 6 years old.

### NEW INCORPORATIONS

Market Wine company, M. W. Dunn, Clarence Harvey and John Johnson, directors. Capital stock, \$5000; subscribed, \$2001.

Los Angeles Gay-Old company, C. R. Gray, Wiley Hoke, J. F. Richbart, R. E. Page and E. A. Richbart, directors. Capital stock, \$25,000; subscribed, \$5.

### PROMOTER'S TRIAL SET OVER

Judge Willis of the superior court yesterday continued until January 12 the trial of Dr. W. R. Price, psychologist-promoter of Long Beach, who is charged with forging an indorsement on a certificate of stock. Dr. Price was the defendant in many cases in the superior court in the last several months.

### SUES TO REGAIN PONY

To recover a polo pony named "Simo" and valued at \$225 from Charles Burke, the City of Los Angeles company yesterday filed a suit in the superior court. It is asserted that Burke has been in wrongful possession of the animal since July 6, 1910.

### CLARKE WILL FILED

The will of Mary P. Clarke, who died in Los Angeles March 23 of this year, leaving an estate valued at \$90,000, was filed for probate yesterday in the superior court. The estate is to be divided among relatives.

### FORGER PLEADS GUILTY

Alvin C. Hamer yesterday told Judge Willis of the superior court that he was guilty of forging a check for \$31 and asked for probation. The case will come up again January 3.

### MAN SUES, ALLEGING ASSAULT

E. F. Sherman, a plumber, who asserted that M. J. Nolan has seriously assaulted him without the least cause, yesterday filed in the superior court a suit for damages of \$525.

### CHARTER PROBLEM PUZZLES FRAMERS

#### Revision Commission Requires More Time for Discussion of Proposed Changes

Intricate completion and collaboration of the charter amendments was found so difficult by the charter revision committee that the amendments were not ready for the council when that body met last night to approve them.

The commission will work all through the Christmas holidays and have them ready for the council to act by Tuesday. This will make a delay of only one day under any circumstances, as they will be published on Wednesday morning. Had they been approved last night they could not have been published until Tuesday morning.

C. O. Hawley, fire commissioner, indicated the council to consider an amendment that will provide a police and fire pension fund by charter instead of depending on the state law, as is now the case. The plan is to raise the pension fund by direct taxation, which will not amount to more than a matter of mills, instead of by direct assessment of the policemen and firemen. The taxpayer pays the cost in either event, for the firemen and policemen are given enough in addition to their salaries to pay the \$2 monthly assessment made for the pension fund. It also provides for a fund which will also provide the condition that confronts these funds every year of a deficit. The fire department has already asked the council for \$500 to cover a deficit of that amount in the fire pension fund, and the police pension fund is nearly exhausted.

Alternative propositions on the height of buildings also will be submitted to a vote of the people. One amendment will provide that buildings may go higher than 150 feet, while the alternative will either provide for taking the limit of entirely or for ornamentation that will go above the 150-foot sheer wall.

### COUNCIL TO SIDETRACK EIGHTH STREET WIDENING

Eighth street, between Central avenue and the Los Angeles river, will not be widened until such a time as a petition bearing the signatures of 51 per cent of the property frontage is presented to the council. This was definitely established yesterday by the streets and boulevards committee, which will recommend to the council Tuesday that the ordinance providing for the widening be filed.

If the council adopts this recommendation it probably will be considered as a precedent and no more ordinance and widening proceedings will be instituted by the council except when a majority petition in favor of the improvement is filed.

### CHECK PASSING TRIAL SET

Ed Randolph yesterday pleaded not guilty to issuing a check for \$75 when he had no funds in the bank, and Judge Willis of the superior court set January 30 as the time for his trial.

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### LUCAL FRAT DELEGATES TO LEAVE FOR CONVENTION

W. G. B. Euler, delegate from the Los Angeles Alumni association of the University of Southern California, accompanied by Douglas Parker, delegate from the university chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega, will depart today for Atlantic City to attend the congress of the national fraternities which will convene there from December 28 to 31. The delegates last evening interviewed Judge E. M. Ross of this city, who is one of the founders of the frat, and will take a message from him to the convention.

Parker arrived in Los Angeles yesterday and was greeted by a number of the Los Angeles alumni. One of the important things, according to him, to come up at the convention will be the matter of establishing a number of new chapters on the Pacific coast.



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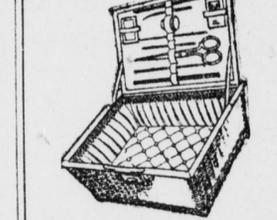
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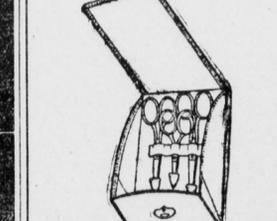
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