

The Herald's Public Letter Box - The People's Forum

HOT SHOT FOR SMOKERS

Editor Herald: The Herald for December 19 says the following: "From the way the crowd the smoking compartments of street cars it looks possible that if the burning of tobacco were permitted only on the roof of them they would carry stepladders."

Will some one please explain what the smoking compartments of the cars are and since when they were reserved for men only? The reason has been under the impression that men have been granted the privilege of smoking on one end of cars, and that it is distinctly a privilege, and not that the front end of the car has been reserved for them to smoke upon. Is there any reason why a man is obliged to smoke on the cars? Any woman who so desires, has just as much privilege to smoke on the front end of a car as a man has, and no more privilege to smoke at the rear end of a car than a man has.

As for the man who thinks a woman should be able to live within \$5 a month, let him undertake it for one month of one child in school, let alone half a dozen children. Has he any idea what a child's school books and papers cost? Or how fast a child wears out slippers? How much butter or milk or meat can a family of only three have out of \$5 a month, after rent and living expenses are paid? Talk about woman's work, it is an impossible thing to do. How can a woman do with a dollar today? Ten years ago the same dollar bought from one-third to one-half more than it does now.

ONE WHO THINKS

Editor Herald: I am a woman who has lived in Los Angeles for twenty years. I have seen the city grow from a small town to a great metropolis. I have seen the streets widened, the buildings taller, and the population increase. I have seen the city become a place where every citizen has a stake.

HUNTINGTON'S PUBLIC SPIRIT

Editor Herald: I saw your issue of Saturday. My business takes me up and down Main street and the business men have made a very interesting study of the third and fourth streets. Only once have I been able to get a seat. On the first trip I counted twenty-seven persons on the car, and on the second trip I counted thirty. I have seen the traffic which is the ordinary everyday traffic, which is the ordinary everyday traffic, which is the ordinary everyday traffic.

SEATS IN CENTRAL PARK

Editor Herald: And now we get a wireless message from the powers that be that there are really and truly going to be seats in the square-park or park-square, which is to be called. Some of us had begun to think that when it was to be opened to the suffering public—somehow about 1915—this expensive piece of hand-painted landscape gardening was to be included by six-foot poultry wire to keep the pigeons in and the public off the grass. But the dictum has gone forth that there are going to be seats, therefore the park-square is to be an open shop proposition.

REFORM AND CITY PROSPERITY

Editor Herald: I came out from the east with a twofold purpose in view—to spend the winter and to make a business investment if the local conditions were promising, as I desired to change my field of manufacturing from Philadelphia to Los Angeles. After mature consideration and an investigation of your local conditions covering a period of nearly three months, I think I shall keep my factory in Philadelphia and I will, with your kind indulgence, as a city why, so that perhaps the "powers that be" may eventually get wise. I find that you change your chief of police on an average of once a year and that the important appointments is a lot of local conditions covering a period of nearly three months.

ILLNESS IS TEACHER

Editor Herald: Evolutionist says in the Public Letter Box of March 24, 1909, that sin does not exist. A child who has not been taught the letters of the alphabet cannot read, and cannot be called right when he does not know it right when he does not know to obey the laws laid down by the Creator, and transgresses them, he has to learn the consequences of his own doing. The twin brother of life, which does not exist in this material world when life was not there, and the reverse is the same. Life, the breath of the Creator, according to Moses, spiritually speaking, is the force which let the lifeless matter move, act, so as we see in plant, animal and man.

FAILURES NOT LOCAL

Editor Herald: Friend J. A. M. finds me "caustic" only meant to be complimentary to give figures, but I think I can show good reason for my belief that fake business failures are rare. When a man or a firm takes a high-road street, such as Broadway, has it remodeled and fitted on expensive lines, puts in an up-to-date stock of goods and spends considerable sums in advertising, yet quits within the year, is hard to see how even a "composition" with his creditors could furnish sufficient to cover his first heavy outlay plus a terrible rent. To say that the business failures which enable the wholesalers and other creditors to "sew him up" and take everything into their own hands at the expense of the creditor, is a grossly unfair failure that pays, I think, is generally worked by cozening your creditors into accepting a composition, and staying on; not by quitting and thus leaving the creditors in the lurch.

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WICKERSHAM'S KEYNOTE

Editor Herald: Nothing should be left undone to win back public confidence in the great industries of the United States, which have suffered from attacks at all points of the moral compass, perhaps as never before in the history of industry. Secretary Wickersham has sounded a most important keynote, national in character, when he suggests to incorporate capital of the country the paramount need of "highly intelligent affairs."

HERALD GIVEN THANKS

Editor Herald: Thanks for your editorial withering the party commissioners. No longer need the trembling lover whisper to his dulcinea: "Oh, dear Louise, we must not speak. What as words may be his part." In regard to the "drapery exhibit" at the Auditorium, I declare that City Prosecutor Eddie Lopez thoroughness in his order compelling the girls to appear in their makeup. If he had also prescribed heavy veils and long-arm gloves it would have been more effective from the standpoint of censorship.

FEDERAL COURTS SCORED

Editor Herald: Every patriot, every man who loves this "land of the free," must view with alarm the usurpation of power, the encroachment on our liberties by the federal courts by their blanket injunctions and contempt cases. These judges are appointed, and are, therefore, not responsible to the people, hence their abuse of power. Even today as this is written two editors of the "Los Angeles Times" are in prison and must serve a four months' sentence—not for committing a crime against society, but for daring to criticize a judge who had issued a blanket injunction in favor of a corporation.

HOW TO HANDLE FOOTPADS

Editor Herald: For months I have read accounts of holdups, the bravest men the sun ever shone on held up at night by one or more desperadoes with pistol in hand. Seldom do these men resist, but are so burdened with superstition is the average American that he dare not resist the attack of an armed man. For ages that "Rock Me to Sleep" Mother has led this idea, so that today to be armed is to be a brave man. We never think of the handy brogan that will often do more effectively with a good knife than a pair of pistols. They will not hurt you, as they want you to be in good health to work for them.

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