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SAN FRANCISCO'S RESIDENCE SITES

SAN FRANCISCO is singularly fortunate in residence sites. Most cities possess one fashionable area, where all the larger houses are placed, which is distinctly marked out as the most favored. This is not the case here, for no particular section can lay claim to the reputation of being the only desirable residential quarter.

Parks were made fashionable because they generally belonged to the ruling order, and kings regarded them as their own property. The nobility, who made it their duty to ape the practice of their sovereign, erected their palaces adjacent to parks and thus built up a fashionable quarter. A park neighborhood has, therefore, the sanctity of ages to be classed as aristocratic.

It is due to this world that the hills overlooking the bay were chosen by the rich for the location of their homes, and this, too, would not have been possible except for the cleverness of a citizen of this city who evolved the plan of the cable car.

As further evidence of the expansion of San Francisco and the increase in real estate values, the prices of lots around the park have advanced steadily. Take Fell street, for example. Lots which a few years ago sold for \$2,500 cannot be bought now for less than \$4,000, and some of the least desirable in this neighborhood cannot be purchased for under \$3,000.

San Francisco has, then, two desirable residence sections, and within the last few weeks a strong desire has sprung up to build handsome houses. The future owner is, then, given the choice of two excellent locations. If he desires to feast his eyes upon the waters of the bay, with their never ending panorama of moving shipping, and a background of gray green hills topped by lofty Mount Tamalpais, he can buy on those streets from whose brows the view is unbroken.

Then there is another section to be considered. As the city expands, and in its expansion more riches are created, owners will also demand picturesque sites on which to build. Their choice undoubtedly will be on the hills south of the city, back of the Affiliated colleges. If this eminence, which is reached by the Fourteenth street car line, was terraced, it would be one of the most beautiful residential sites in the state.

MR. HARRIMAN'S LOGIC

MR. HARRIMAN is unfortunate in his most recent denial. Interviewed by the Nevada State Journal, he was reported as saying: "All the railroads in the country would be mine if I could get hold of them. Personally, with all lines in my possession I would be better suited." On the heels of this publication came from Mr. Harriman a prompt repudiation of the sentiment.

Mr. Harriman may be given credit for good faith in his denial, and yet the opinion as printed in Reno scarcely differs from his own testimony before the interstate commerce commission and is wholly in line with the general policy that he pursued since he came into control of Union Pacific in 1898 and pursued without deviation until last year, when things began to happen that seemed to get in the way of his most cherished plans.

Mr. Harriman told the interstate commerce commission that he would buy control of the Santa Fe "if the law would let him." Nothing but legal prohibition could stop the process of absorption. Mr. Harriman's attempt to seize control of the Northern Pacific in 1901 was altogether in line with the desire attributed to him by the Nevada paper.

Therefore we are justified in assuming that no very serious injustice was done him. The chief significance of the denial lies in the fact that Mr. Harriman begins to realize that his ambition is not popular. Quite possibly his hasty denial may have been accelerated by reading Secretary Taft's recent speech at Columbus, in which this passage concerning railroad regulation occurs:

The measures taken and proposed are radical perhaps, viewed from the standpoint of the laissez faire doctrine whose ideas have been allowed to prevail in respect of railroad management down to the present, but no one can read the report of the commission on the history of the union of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific systems with the Illinois

The Difference



WHAT A FELLOW THINKS HE MUST DO WHEN HIS GIRL REJECTS HIM—

—WHAT HE REALLY DOES

Central system, without trembling at the enormous power that one man, by the unconfined use of the stock and bond issuing power of interstate railroads under state charters, has acquired in respect of a vital part of the country's business, and without looking for some means of remedying such a dangerous tendency, which, if not stopped, will lead to the absorption of all the railroads of the country into one hand.

Next to Roosevelt, Harriman is the most interesting personality on the stage of American life today. He is a man of severely logical turn of mind, the American businessman raised to the highest power. His supreme ambition is "results," and he is not at all particular about means. In a large way the same thing is true of almost every executive who has cut a great figure in the world's history.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Almost any day now we may hear the news that Wellman hasn't found the north pole.

Whenever you hear a hollow sound like that produced by hitting an empty barrel with an ax, you may know that the head of another Schmitz appointee has dropped.

It develops that the army transport system is run at a loss, the cost of transporting troops being greater than private shipping companies would charge. Class in government owner-

ship please step forward. W. J. B. has some explanations to make.

Senator La Follette says that graft exists everywhere. Good! We don't feel so lonesome now.

The French should read Kipling's "Fuzzy Wuzzy" poem, then double the size of the fighting force they are sending to Morocco.

The report that the government is after the harvester trust must be harrowing news to that concern. But one must read what one says.

Personal Mention

David Feiss of New York is at the Majestic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Milligan of Toronto are at the Fairmont.

Oliver G. Ames, a flour miller of Tacoma, is at the Hamlin.

J. S. Bryson, a mining man of Goldfield, is at the Pacific Grand.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hall of Sacramento are at the Fairmont.

Frank E. Walsh and family of Los Angeles are at the Fairmont.

George W. Ross, Mrs. Ross and their daughter are at the Baltimore.

E. F. DuFresne of Seattle is at the Pacific Grand with Mrs. DuFresne.

J. S. Campbell, superintendent of the Selby smelters, is at the Imperial.

J. W. Huntley and Mrs. Huntley of Sacramento are at the Pacific Grand.

C. V. Whitmore of Goldfield, who is here on business, is at the St. Francis.

Robert Dolden and L. F. Stewart, railroad men from Ogden, are at the Imperial.

Colonel Beresford of the International mining company of Mexico is at the Pacific Grand.

Captain Robinson of the navy is at the St. James, accompanied by Mrs. Robinson and daughter.

Thomas Cloughley, owner of large dairying interests at Rutherford, is at the Imperial with Mrs. Cloughley.

A. W. Skinner and Mrs. Skinner of Portland are at the Hamlin. Skinner is a prominent Portland merchant.

H. Hooking and Mrs. Hooking of Honolulu, who returned yesterday from a visit to Placer county, are at the Jefferson.

P. E. Jones, a Nevada cattleman, who recently married Mrs. Onkot of Petaluma, is at the St. James with his wife and Miss Onkot.

Rivalry in the Presentation of High Class Musical Artists Will Assure Many Treats

By James Crawford

If competition is the life of trade, there will be no dearth of high class musical entertainment during the coming winter in San Francisco and Oakland, for well founded report has it that Manager Greenbaum is to have an active rival in his former colleague, Manager Behmyer of Los Angeles.

Until this season all the virtuosi that played or sang in California were booked by Behmyer and managed here by Greenbaum, and the same system was programmed for the coming season until Behmyer discovered that Greenbaum had booked some artists on his own account whose dates will conflict with those arranged for some of the Behmyer bookings. Thus, when Behmyer notified Greenbaum that Paderewski's recitals in San Francisco would take place on certain days, Greenbaum informed Behmyer that he had selected those very days for the appearance of another pianist, Harold Bauer, whereupon Behmyer hastened to Greenbaum and the twain went into consultation, the result being that neither would cancel his dates in favor of the other. Behmyer then announced that he would manage his attractions in San Francisco and Oakland without Greenbaum's aid.

Greenbaum has arranged Dreamland concerts and recitals and Behmyer probably will present his artists in Christian Science hall. Among the magnets booked by Greenbaum are Mme. Johanna Gadski, who will open the season; Harold Bauer, Sousa's bands and the New York symphony orchestra. Behmyer claims to have the cream of the world's vocal and instrumental virtuosity. Calve and Paderewski being fair samples.

Behmyer alleges that he does not regret the turn affairs he has taken, because in past seasons he has been obliged to personally superintend the details of presenting attractions in such cities as Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton and San Jose, Greenbaum having declined to take the risk of presenting them elsewhere than in San Francisco and Oakland. So Greenbaum's manager claims it is really to his advantage to dispense with the services of Greenbaum in these two profit assuring towns, and he promises to establish headquarters here in the near future.

In the meantime, whether the competition brings pecuniary weal or woe to those engaged in it, the music loving people surely will derive benefit from it. For it promises them opportunity to hear more artists and pos-

sibly for cheaper prices than they ever were favored with before.

Many of the compositions to be played by the inveterate adherents in the Greek theater during the coming season never have been heard in California, among them being old fashioned dances from "Cantor and Pollux" (Rameau), entr'acte music from "Rosamunda" (Schubert); symphonic poem, "Les Preludes" (Liszt); "Huldigung's March" (Wagner); ballet music and wedding march from "Framoros" (Rubinstein); lyric suite (Grieg) and contrasts, the gavotte to D. 1700 and 1709 (Zelig), for the first concert, to be given Thursday afternoon, the program will embrace the "Aeolus" overture, Gluck; Haydn's second symphony; serenade for strings, Tschalkowsky; and Hungarian dances by Brahms.

Other symphonies to be given during the season are the fourth of Beethoven, the Scotch symphony of Mendelssohn and the fifth of Tschalkowsky, in the order named. The fifth concert, to be given on October 17, will be a song recital with orchestral accompaniment by Mme. Gadski, than whom no singer before the public has a more loyal following. She will be heard in two arias and a group of songs. The final concert of the season, to be given on October 24, will be a song recital with orchestral accompaniment by the university chorus, and the "Heldenleben" of Richard Strauss. All the concerts will take place on Thursday afternoons and start at 3 o'clock sharp.

Greenbaum announces that Mme. Gadski will have a very busy week under his direction. She is scheduled to appear three times in Dreamland pavilion, once in the Liberty playhouse, Oakland, once in the Clunie theater, Sacramento, under the auspices of the Saturday club of that city, and once with the university orchestra in the Greek theater. After her tour of the Pacific coast she will join the Conried forces in New York.

With commendable discretion the management of the Milan grand opera company has invited to its presentation any of its artists with artists we have heard. No more we see printed hints that Spadovani promises to colpe Tetraxini, or that a certain tenor is likely to supplant the tenor who now is highest in our admiration. Experience has shown that such advance hints are imprudent. Poor little Tromben of last season's Lambardi's would have dropped less heavily if she had not been touted in advance as a peeress of Tetraxini. The first "Lucia" night at the Central theater was one of the saddest of the Lambardi series. If the Milan company really contains anything greater than we have been given the fact will be proclaimed in ample time to carry conviction to the public and profit to the management.

Cator Pleads for Change in Law So as to Adapt Voting Machines to General and Primary Elections

Francisco eight tickets were nominated, and of the last one had only nine names on it and one but four names on each required an entire column and it would have been the same if but one name had been used. The supreme court held one ticket to be illegal, or the Standard was passed on. Experience has shown that such advance hints are imprudent. Poor little Tromben of last season's Lambardi's would have dropped less heavily if she had not been touted in advance as a peeress of Tetraxini. The first "Lucia" night at the Central theater was one of the saddest of the Lambardi series. If the Milan company really contains anything greater than we have been given the fact will be proclaimed in ample time to carry conviction to the public and profit to the management.

THOMAS V. CATOR, President Director of Elections, San Francisco, August 25, 1907.

Answers to Queries

STORK—O. S. Sacramento, Cal. The origin of "The stork came to the house" is traced to zoological mythology. According to fairy tales the stork brings the well born child out of the well. The popular German belief of children is that the stork carries children from the fountain. However, as the stork has not the child in its beak, the stork is not the parent of the child. It is only born at the moment the stork opens its beak and puts the child down in the mother's lap.

Mrs. Lovell White and Miss C. Hittell Will Take Part in Irrigation Congress

MRS. LOVELL WHITE and Miss Catherine Hittell will leave next week for Sacramento to attend the national irrigation congress as delegates of the California club. They are interested especially in the forestry session, which will be held on the second day of the congress. Mrs. White has declined the honor of reading a paper before the convention, and was not to be lured by the opportunity to be the only woman to speak in a gathering of United States senators, governors of states and heads of departments.

While she always has worked for the preservation of the state's forests, and so is a practical forester, she feels that the convention is mainly for the purpose of hearing practical suggestions from scientific experts. It was suggested that 15 minutes of the poetry and sentiment with which the women's clubs invest their enthusiasm for the cause of the trees would be as welcome among the scientific facts as flowers among rocks, but Mrs. White has declined to be the landscape gardener.

The plan for the preservation of the Calaveras trees, on which a series of resolutions are to be presented at the convention by the members of the Outdoor Art league, originated in the California club when Mrs. White was its president. Later the project was given over to the Outdoor Art league of the California club, and under the leadership of Mrs. White it has been a part of the program of the league for several years. It is hoped that by bringing the powerful influence of the national irrigation congress to bear on the matter something definite may be accomplished.

The Outdoor Art league will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. Lovell White, 2344 California street. The

program is now completed for the breakfast to be given by the Association of Pioneer Women in Calvary church annex on Wednesday. There will be several musical numbers and vocal solos. The following ladies will respond to toasts: Mrs. A. A. McIntyre, "The Pioneer Fathers"; Mrs. L. O. Hodgkins, "The Pioneer Mothers"; Mrs. Mary Harding Gamave, "The Pioneer Daughters"; Mrs. E. M. North Whitcombe, president of the organization, "Our Association." The breakfast, "Our Association." The breakfast, "Our Association." The breakfast, "Our Association."

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speeches contribute to the entertainment.

Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis, president of the National Association of Collegiate Alumnae and second vice president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will arrive in San Francisco this week. She is a woman of national reputation and will be entertained extensively by local club women. A luncheon will be given in her honor at the home of Mrs. C. Hittell, president of the California branch of Collegiate Alumnae on Saturday at the Home club. A business meeting will be held after the luncheon, at which Mrs. Moore will speak. The subject of her address will be the entertainment of the National Association of Collegiate Alumnae by the California branch next summer. There is a strong sentiment in the local association for making an effort to show that despite last year's disaster the members are able to entertain the national organization.

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