

SPRIT THAT REMAINS LEVELED CITY BORN ANEW AT BUSINESSMEN'S BANQUET

Merchants Association Declare for One and a Greater Municipality on Shores Golden Gate

M. H. ROBBINS JR., PRESIDENT OF THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION, AND FOUR OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

ADVANTAGES OF CONSOLIDATED CITY NOTED

Banquet Board Rings With Cheers as Speakers Point Out Good to Accrue

Reduction in Tax Rates and Other Gains Are Told in Convincing Speeches

The future San Francisco—the greater city that is to be—was toasted last night by the Merchants' association, gathered 850 strong at the annual banquet of the organization in the Norman grill of the Fairmont hotel.

The memory of many of those gathered last night at the banquet board runs to another banquet of four years and a half ago. On that night the Merchants' association had its annual dinner of the year 1906. On that night the toast that was drunk and the toasts that were spoken from the hearts that were full were directed to a topic almost identical with the theme of last night. The subject then was, "The New San Francisco—the City That Is to Be."

That banquet of four and a half years ago was one that will live in the city's history. The tables were laid in the blackened, barren, smoke stained ruins of what had been the white and gold room of the St. Francis hotel. Men at that banquet appeared in ordinary day attire, for evening dress was not to be had; many of the diners walked for a score or more of blocks through the ruins of a stricken city; that dinner was held in the very heart of a metropolis laid waste.

AGAIN THE TOAST IS REPEATED

Almost 300 men gathered that night for the banquet held in the district that three months before had been wiped out by flames, and the toast of the 300 was to "The New San Francisco—the city that is to be." Last night those same 300, and more than as many again, gathered in the banquet hall of the Fairmont, in the very center of the city that has been restored, and drank again the health of San Francisco.

There was this difference last night: The toast that prevailed was not a toast to "the city that is to be," but a toast to "the city that is and to a greater San Francisco to come." Four years and a half ago the spirit that stirred the members of the Merchants' association was embodied in a vision of a new city to arise from the ashes of the one that had gone. Last night the vision was broader. It was directed to a city that shall spread in every direction about the shores of San Francisco bay; a city bustling with a new commerce brought to its gates by way of the Panama canal; a city of a million inhabitants bound together by a single tie of civic pride; a city standing in the front rank of the cities of the world.

VOICE A NEW DREAM

The men who four years and a half ago dared voice the dream of a re-born San Francisco, and largely through whose efforts that dream has become a wonderful reality, voiced another and greater dream last night. They spoke of it with the same indomitable spirit of accomplishment that the same serene certainty of attainment they went at it, too, in a businesslike manner. Even the envelopes in which the cigars were served at the banquet were covered with a printed collection of facts and figures taken from the recent census returns. They showed the population of San Francisco today, with its 416,912 persons, and a table of the metropolitan population of the United States, and the population of the proposed scheme of consolidation—a combined population of 677,648—the potential nucleus of a city of a million people.

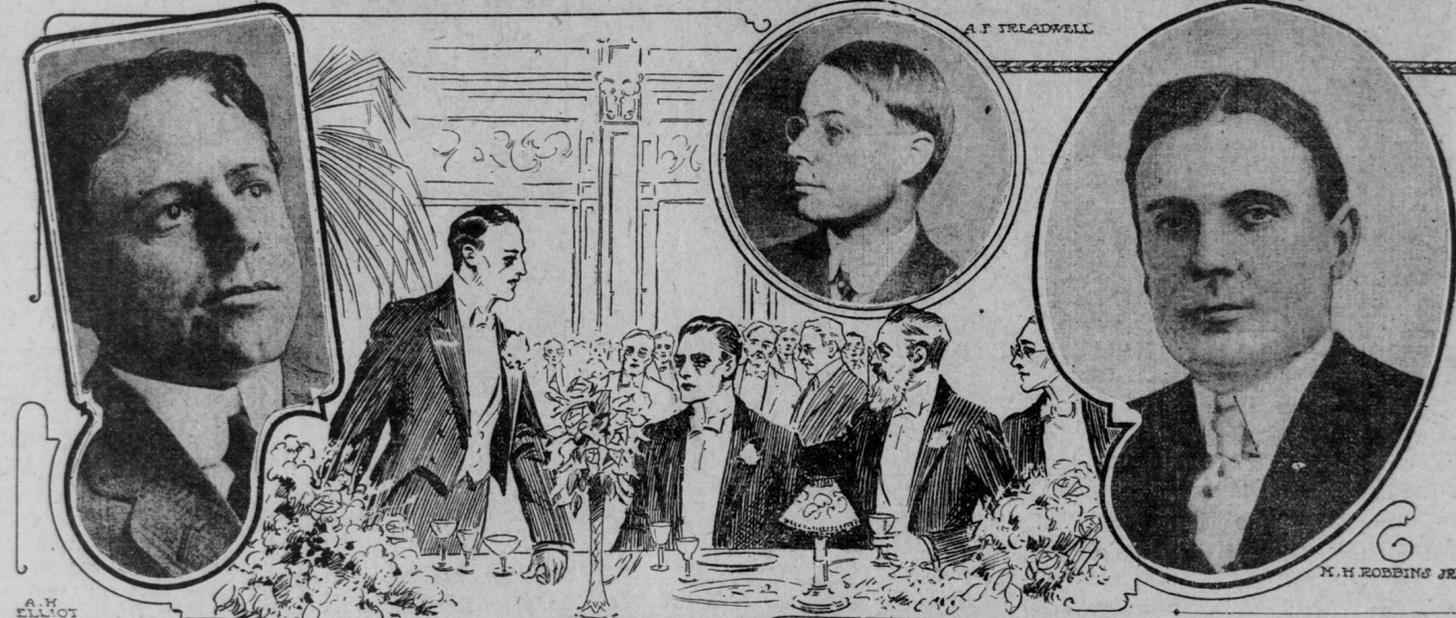
CANAL PICTURES SHOWN

In the enthusiasm over the project of consolidation itself the causes of San Francisco's growth were not forgotten. Nor were the contributing factors of the future greatness overlooked. The commercial aspect of the situation was gone into in detail and the various elements that must be reckoned with in the years to come were discussed at length.

An object lesson of a forceful nature was given in the presentation of a fine set of moving pictures showing the work upon the Panama canal. The canal itself and the benefits which it will bring to San Francisco were made the subject of an interesting address by Seth Mann, counsel for the traffic bureau of the merchants' exchange.

ROBBINS MAKES ELOQUENT APPEAL

Robbins opened the banquet with an eloquent appeal for unanimous effort in the building of the greater city. He declared that the time had come for a new image to be set up and for new ideals to direct the energies of all who have at heart the best interests of a great Pacific coast metropolis on San



Francisco bay. By looking forward to the accomplishment, he said, the accomplishment could be hastened, and by a study of the tangible things connected with such upbuilding the upbuilding could be made sure and lasting.

Seth Mann reviewed the prodigious work that has been accomplished by the federal government in the digging of the Panama canal and pointed to the benefits that will accrue to San Francisco and its contiguous territory from the culmination of the project. He laid the chief stress upon the effect of the opening of the canal will have on the establishment of fair traffic relations to the "Legislation Necessary at the 1911 Session of the Legislature to Enable Consolidation by 1915."

PROFESSOR STEVENS VOICES PLAN

Prof. Henry Morse Stephens of the University of California won a spontaneous ovation of the most sincere character by his address upon "The Consolidation of Cities on the Borough System, With Special Reference to San Francisco and the Cities of the Bay Region." His summing up of the situation evidenced a long and thorough study of the problems presented, and was a sound, logical presentation of the facts, and at the same time an eloquent appeal. He decried the sentimental opposition that has developed as the only serious protest against the proposed consolidation, and pointed out that a joining of the bay cities under the borough system would be, in fact, a consolidation and not an annexation.

A. H. ELLIOT SOUNDS APPROVAL

Edward F. Treadwell, counsel for the greater San Francisco committee, discussed the phase of consolidation recently adopted by the city and county in the 1911 Session of the Legislature to Enable Consolidation by 1915. His talk was addressed chiefly to the legal aspect of the matter and to the material changes in the government of the city and county that would be required.

OBSTACLES ARE TOLD BY E. F. TREADWELL

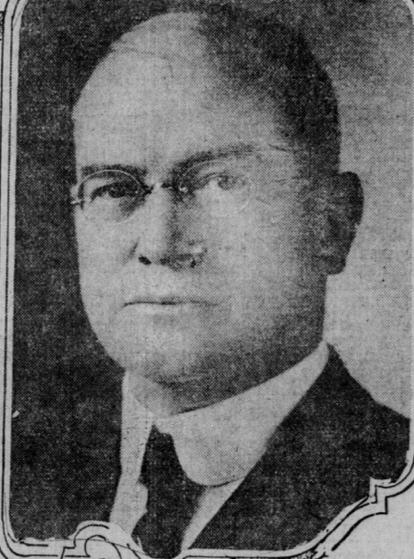
The technical obstacles to the consolidation of San Francisco and towns about the bay were dwelt upon by Edward F. Treadwell. He spoke upon the subject, "Legislation Necessary at the 1911 Session of the Legislature to Enable Consolidation by 1915."

A. H. ELLIOT POINTS OUT GREAT SAVING

A. H. Elliot of Oakland told of the advantage that would accrue to the cities and towns of Alameda county by consolidation by 1915. He characterized the movement as one conceived by modern progress. He told of the propriety of Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda, which are separated from each other only by an imaginary line in some street or in the estuary.



PROF. HENRY MORSE STEPHENS



SETH MANN

MERCHANTS SEND MESSAGE OF CHEER TO EXPOSITION WORKERS

Immediately after the conclusion of Seth Mann's address at the Merchants' association banquet last night, Charles W. Hornick, general manager of The Call, moved that a telegram of encouragement be sent to the delegation now in Washington fighting to secure the Panama-Pacific exposition for San Francisco. The motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, amid great enthusiasm. The following telegram was thereupon sent to R. B. Hale by President M. H. Robbins Jr. of the Merchants' association:

R. B. Hale, Acting President, Panama-Pacific International Exposition, Washington, D. C.

Six hundred of the San Francisco businessmen assembled at the Merchants' association banquet tonight unanimously send their heartiest encouragement in your splendid mission to secure the Panama-Pacific exposition for the state of California and greater San Francisco.

M. H. ROBBINS JR.

municipally owned and operated water distributing systems for our cities and towns. The plan of consolidation would here find complete justification.

"The management of wharves and docks, the bringing of ship and rail together, the symmetrical and systematic development of the wonderful bay in our midst—these are municipal functions of the highest order.

ROSEATE FUTURE SEEN BY M. H. ROBBINS JR.

M. H. Robbins Jr., president of the Merchants' association, acted as toastmaster. Prior to his introduction of the speakers he made the following remarks:

No one can become prosperous while he really expects, or really expects to remain poor. No city can become great until its people realize its possibilities and the destiny in store for it. We tend to see what we expect, and to expect nothing is to get nothing. While to expect great things is a long stride on the road to success and greatness, it is not a plan. Let us set up a new image—a new image of our city and when we surround ourselves with an environment of abundance, or of lack of abundance, we shall find that we are not so far from the fulfillment of our mission in life.

The building is first completed in the architect's mind, in all its details. The contractor simply places the bricks and stones and other materials around the idea. We are all architects. Everything we do in life is preceded by some image—a plan. Let us set up a new image—a new image of our city and when we surround ourselves with an environment of abundance, or of lack of abundance, we shall find that we are not so far from the fulfillment of our mission in life.

PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS AT SPEAKERS' TABLE

Among the guests at the speakers' table were:

Paul Pinekey, secretary San Mateo board of trade.

J. H. Wilkins, president Alameda chamber of commerce.

E. S. Rake, president San Rafael board of trade.

L. H. Newbert, president San Mateo board of trade.

Daniel Crowley, president Oakland merchants' exchange.

C. C. Juster, president Berkeley chamber of commerce.

W. S. Mackay, president Oakland chamber of commerce.

Seth Mann.

Prof. Henry Morse Stephens.

M. H. Robbins Jr., president Merchants' association.

T. L. Oddie, governor elect of Nevada.

A. H. Elliot.

Edward F. Treadwell.

Senator E. I. Wolfe.

Beverly Hodgehead, mayor of Berkeley.

William Noy, mayor of Alameda.

Dear Sir: Your favor of November 19 is at hand. All of the outlying districts which were brought in were financially benefited in this way that their tax rate fell from \$5 on the \$100 to about \$1.75, whereas the rate in old New York went up from about \$1.50 to the latter figure.

ONE CITY WHEN CANAL OPENS URGE SPEAKERS

Let Us Show World a Greater San Francisco With 1,000,000 People, Is Cry

Sentiment for Consolidation Is Unanimous With All Present

C. M. Morse, president San Mateo board of trustees.

G. B. Daniels, publisher Oakland Enquirer.

A. Denison, secretary Oakland chamber of commerce.

H. C. Williams, Oakland merchants' exchange.

Friend William Richardson, editor Berkeley Gazette.

F. G. Dutton, editor Alameda Argus.

J. Sherman McDowell, editor Alameda Evening Times Star.

Thomas A. Gallagher, editor Berkeley Independent.

WOMEN IN CHARGE OF COLLEGE PAPER

Feminine Staff Gets Out One Issue of the Daily Palo Alto

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 8.—For the first time since 1903 the women were given charge of the "Daily Palo Alto" for one issue and this evening the college paper was issued entirely by them. The woman who had charge of the paper was Miss M. M. Hayes of Los Angeles, '11, who has been connected with the paper since her freshman year. Assisting her were Miss Lois Baker, '13, of Los Angeles; Miss Virginia Moore, '12, of Los Gatos; Miss H. D. Campbell, '11, of Palo Alto; Miss H. Park, '11, of Palo Alto; Miss L. M. Woodhead, '11, of Los Angeles; Miss M. Driscoll, '13, of Pasadena; Miss C. L. Gilbert, '12, of San Jose; and Miss C. M. Green, '11, of Pasadena.

"The Uverlian Princess" is the title of the opera which has been chosen by the Junior opera committee for the class production to be given next semester. The opera is entirely a student production, the music having been written by Miss Mary Herdman, '12, and J. H. McDonald, '14, and the libretto by J. H. Forbes, '12.

RACETRACK INQUIRY PROVES ALMOST FUTILE

Books and Witnesses Missing and Memories Faint

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Missing books, missing witnesses, faulty memories and the easygoing business methods of the Metropolitan Turf association (the book makers' organization) netted the mills of the joint legislative committee only a meager list of new facts today.

SPOKANE'S OFFICIAL POPULATION 104,402

Increase of 183.3 Per Cent Over 1900 Figures Shown

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The population of Spokane, Wash., is 104,402, according to statistics of the thirteenth census issued tonight. This is an increase of 87,554, or 183.3 per cent over 35,848 in 1900.

MISSOURI MURDERER RECEIVES LIFE TERM

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—Life imprisonment was the verdict returned late today in the case of Austin Greaves, who conducted his own defense against the charge of first degree murder for killing his neighbor, Alfred Hunter, about four months ago.

RED MEN NAME OFFICERS—Alameda, Dec. 8.—Pawnee tribe No. 67, Independent Order of Red Men, has elected the following officers: G. Dowell, prophet; Kaufman, scribe; Philip Kaufman, senior sagamore; D. L. Drummond, junior sagamore; F. Bullman, trustee.