

BBE READING BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Greatest Throng Ever Seen in Greek Theater Waits Several Hours for Address Crowd Provides Its Own Concert and Greets Lecturer With "America"

Twelve thousand persons, the greatest throng ever gathered at the Greek theater in Berkeley, sat patiently for hours yesterday to listen to a 60-minute address by Theodore Roosevelt.

Never, probably, in the history of California has a greater audience gathered to hear the discussion of a theological subject. Never has the Greek theater at the University of California contained a larger crowd.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning half a hundred persons made their way to the theater and taken possession of the choicest seats in the amphitheater.

By 2 o'clock, two hours before the time set for the address, every seat in the theater was taken, and an hour later every available inch of standing room within sight of the stage was occupied and the throngs that continued to arrive stormed in vain at the various entrances.

When Roosevelt arrived at 4 o'clock it was necessary to force a way for his automobile through the vast crowd outside to the stage gate of the theater.

The reception given him was overwhelming, but the size of the throng paid him the greatest compliment. He was amazed at the outpouring, and afterward, looking in wonder on the multitude that still waited on the hills to watch his departure, he said:

"I never imagined there would be such a throng as this. I am afraid I have disappointed."

SONGS PRECEDE LECTURE Inside the theater, the hour and a half before the beginning of the lecture was given over to song. It is customary for a "half hour of music" to be given before the lecture on Sunday morning, but this was different.

There was no soloist, no quartet, no choir, no orchestra and no leader, yet there never has been such an after-noon of music, for this was the music sung by a congregation of thousands in spontaneous answer to the suggestion of a single voice.

SOMEWHERE IN THE CROWD this voice took up the refrain of an old-fashioned hymn. Other voices joined in the melody, and in a moment the entire crowd was singing. Another hymn followed, and then another. For an hour and a half, almost without pause, song followed song, religious hymns alternating with national airs.

THE BIBLE AND THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE was the subject of Roosevelt's address. If it could have been viewed as a sermon the text would have been found in the sixteenth verse of the first chapter of the Epistle of St. James, for these verses, quoted by the speaker in conclusion, summed up the essence of his message.

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves," he read, and in those words he pointed the theme of his discussion.

The double significance of the subject of the lecture was explained by Professor C. S. Nash of the Pacific theological seminary in presenting Roosevelt, lay in the fact that this year marks the three hundredth anniversary of the translation of the King James version of the bible. The former president explained that he was turning aside from his regular series of lectures on applied ethics and realizing ideals to devote himself to the special subject of the bible, and he referred to the authorized English translation at the beginning of his address.

TRIBUTE TO TRANSLATORS "I have come here today to interrupt the course of the six lectures on applied ethics," he said, "in order to speak of the book to which our people owe the infinitely greater part of our store of knowledge, and to speak of how this book and its influence may be applied to every day life.

"There have been many notable collections of the old and new testaments, and today we think most of the King James version should give our acknowledgment to the old versions to which we are greatly indebted. Particularly should we try to recall that great work known as the Vulgate of St. Jerome, for that work carried this message into the western countries of Europe in a tongue then known to all possessing any claim at all to learning.

It put the bible into Latin at a time when the old classical learning of Greece and Rome had crumbled and the region itself was being overwhelmed by barbarian hordes. Men gradually began to translate the bible into the vernacular and so it developed, but the greatest debt the English people everywhere owe is to the bible we all know in our own language as it came forward in England three centuries ago.

CENSURE FOR CRITICS "No book of any kind ever written in English or any other tongue has so affected the life of a people as this authorized version has affected the life of the English speaking people. It is my earnest plea that in our hurried, bustling life of today we should not lose the hold our fathers had upon the

Our Newsies Sell The Call in Street



Oralee List (on right) and Olive Adair of Tulsa, Okla., who are making a tour of the world

Only Best Paper in Each City Handled by Young Women Touring the World

Miss Oralee List and Miss Olive Adair, the attractive young women from Tulsa, Okla., who are working their way around the world selling newspapers, will appear in Market street this morning with bunches of The Call under their arms.

When they left Tulsa, August 22, the mayor, the commercial clubs and prominent citizens were at the station to see them board the Pullman. With cheers they were started on their way, and with cheers they will be welcomed when they return to Tulsa, after having circled the globe.

"We have met courtesy and encouragement wherever we have been," said Miss List yesterday, when the girls arrived in this city from Los Angeles. "We have been in every prominent city in the United States. From Tulsa we went to Kansas City, then to St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Washington and New York, where we sold papers in Broadway and Wall street.

From New York we came west. Our best sales were made at Butte City, Mont., where we sold \$115 worth of papers in three hours.

Miss Adair is equally enthusiastic. "From here," she said, "we shall go to Honolulu, then to Manila, Australia, Tokyo, to Chinese cities, through India and into Europe.

"In each city we sell the best papers. We sell the paper at its regular price, and do it without shouting or calling the news. We will sell The Call in San Francisco for six days and will sail for Honolulu on the Sierra April 8."

The young women wear Elk pins and have been indorsed by the Elks' lodge of Tulsa. They bear credentials from the mayor and the officers of commercial clubs of their home city. They are registered at the St. Francis.

bible. I would like to see bible study as much a matter of course in the secular colleges as in the seminaries. No educated man can afford to be ignorant of the bible, and no uneducated man can afford to be ignorant of it.

"I condemn the form of shallow criticism which leads some critics to point out that certain sections of the Old Testament are not in accord with the rest of the bible, but I ground that our theories are based on the New Testament in various contrary respects. If critics of that kind would study the moral teaching of the Old Testament in its most primitive form made upon the life of the people.

INTEREST IN STUDIES "I have studied these critics to some extent, and I have been struck by the most in many has been their shallowness in failing to understand how great an advance even the most primitive form of Old Testament morality represents in the general ethics of the people of that day.

"I would appeal for a study of the bible on many accounts aside from ethical and moral reasons. The life of Christ as set forth in the four gospels represents an infinitely higher and greater morality than is set forth in any other book in the world. They who study the bible for the sake of the breadth they will give, for no other reason.

"I can not understand those who put the bible to one side as not interesting to read. Compared to other Sunday reading generally at hand there can be no two views. There must be a strange contrast in the makeup of the man who can find no interest in the bible, but does find it in the average Sunday newspaper.

SERIOUS READING URGED "Vulgarity, shallowness, inability to keep the mind fixed on any serious subject are indicated by the man who can not read the bible but takes an interest in the colored supplement. I don't object to the colored supplement of any paper in its place, but as it takes the place of serious reading it represents the type of mind which I regard as gross fatuity to call merely shallow.

"I am speaking to every man who has a serious desire to get out of life what is best and to do his share for the uplift and the good of humanity. My plea is for moral and spiritual training in the home as well as in the church. The bible is the one book which in every civilized tongue and in every half-civilized and uncivilized tongue may be referred to as 'The Book' with full knowledge that the meaning will be understood.

PLEA AGAINST TORTURE "A year and a half ago in Uganda, the most highly developed negro state in Africa, where there are a half million Christians and where these Christians control the government, I found that the Christian sects, both Catholic and Protestant, had joined together with a symbol, 'The Book' as their guide, making up their minds that they could sink all minor differences and unite on 'The Book' as the most precious thing the white man had brought to them.

"I ask you to train your children in the bible, but I have a word, too, for the overzealous father and mother. Don't make the awful error of compelling a child to learn verses from the bible as punishment. Don't go on the theory that Johnny has been bad and must learn a chapter of Isaiah by heart as punishment. You will be making an unfortunate Johnny associate for the rest of his life the beautiful poetry and prophecy of Isaiah with an utterly disagreeable task. Punish him in other ways, but don't make the bible an instrument of torture. Make it a pleasure and a privilege instead of a pain.

METHOD WITH CHILDREN "My own experience with children has been to read from the bible to the child—not from some other person's nice little book, instead. Read from the bible with whatever explanation is necessary to make the child understand the words. The child will understand the story without difficulty.

EXPERTS AGREE, THIS IS THE BEST SOLUTION

Southern Representatives Will Have Year to Overcome Randall Incubus Curtin and Held Decide as to Taxation and Save the Day

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, March 26.—For all that appears on the surface at the eleventh hour of this memorable session of the legislature the southern California representatives will have almost a year in which to overcome the effect of the Randall reappointment bill and to break down the senate combination put up by Walker and Welch as the result of the proposed robbery of San Francisco.

The taxation experts in the senate and assembly—that is to say, Senator John Curtin, who has been expert for six years, and Assemblyman Billy Held, who has been expert for two or three months just for the excitement—have agreed. Their agreement does not in the terms of the Randall bill mean that they will raise sufficient revenue to defray the expenses of the state government.

Working with Held and Curtin on free conference were Senators Black and Thompson and Assemblymen Sutherland and Cogswell.

As a result of the free conference the words "and business" were eliminated so that corporation licenses will be paid to the state, county and city as heretofore. The assembly insisted on so limiting the definition of the word franchise as to exclude liquor licenses, thus preventing loss to counties and cities. The senate insisted that the definition of the word "district" be eliminated from the bill for the reason that with it in the bill would cause large losses to all districts other than road and school districts by reason of withdrawals of railroad property.

This amendment was also concurred in by the senate. The committee agreed to yield to the assembly measure relative to the inspection of the affairs of corporations by providing that the information restricted to only such matters as are necessary to determine the value of the franchises to be taxed.

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Both houses adopted the report of the conference committee and put on final passage the assembly bill providing for the levying of an ad valorem tax to meet any deficiency that may result from the operation of Curtin's tax bill.

746 ACRES RESTORED TO INDIANS BY GOVERNOR CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, March 26.—The progressives in the assembly today forgot all about reform and divided forces in an instant when Senator Black's bill to increase the license tax on automobiles came up for consideration this afternoon.

It was a battle to a finish between the owners of machines and those who have to work with them. Enemies of Secretary of State Frank Jordan intimated that the bill had originated in his office. John C. March, who has his motor car here from Pasadena and has had his daughter on the payroll as a stenographer to help make ends meet, objected to placing an additional tax on automobiles.

Senator Thompson, chairman of the senate reappointment committee, purposes to go to work on a mathematical reappointment scheme immediately. He will station himself in the hall and efforts will be made to accommodate as many of the city's inhabitants as safety will justify.

Arrangements have been made to seat 12,000 persons and it is expected that the hall will be taxed to its capacity. Chief Seymour will station himself in the hall and efforts will be made to accommodate as many of the city's inhabitants as safety will justify.

Former President Theodore Roosevelt will be present at a mass meeting in the Coliseum, Oak and Baker streets, tomorrow evening and speak to San Franciscans. Admission to the meeting will be free to the general public and there will be no reserved seats in the main auditorium or gallery.

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Oakland Wants Roosevelt OAKLAND, March 26.—The progress and prosperity committee of the chamber of commerce has appointed a committee of three, consisting of C. F. Gorman, W. W. Garthwaite and D. E. Perkins, to make an effort to obtain the attendance of Theodore Roosevelt at a luncheon to be given in Oakland under the auspices of the chamber of commerce.

Two Cottages Burn IN SATURN STREET The home of Mrs. Maria Rissi at 9 Saturn street was destroyed by fire yesterday and an adjoining cottage at 11 Saturn street, occupied by M. Peterson, was damaged. Mrs. Rissi and Peterson reported that the cause of the fire was unknown and that the damage to both houses amounted to \$2,000.

Both Houses Pass Bill Dooming Slot Machines

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, March 26.—Slot machines and other gambling devices are doomed. Kennedy's bill has passed both houses and it is now ready to sign. As originally drawn, the bill by the San Francisco assemblyman made it a felony to have a slot machine in one's possession or any one to play the game.

Both measures were on the second reading file. Unless they received second reading today all chances of their consideration by the house was put off.

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LARKINS' SPITE ACT SENATE IN ASSEMBLY

Senator Fails in Effort to Get Law Against Lumber Combination Cause of the Visalia Legislator's Grouch Was Row With an Oakland Firm

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, March 26.—The spite bill by Senator Larkins of Visalia, aimed originally at the lumber combine, was killed in the assembly today, with Bohnett, Griffin, Telfer and Williams the only members voting for it.

After four amendments had been tacked to the bill made it a misdemeanor for any person or firm engaged in the business of selling lumber or building materials or feed, fuel, flour, provisions or other articles of merchandise or other commodities to discriminate against or in favor of any customer as to prices. Larkins' grievance grew out of an attempt on his part to buy lumber in Oakland.

He was quoted a lower price than the one existing in Visalia, but when the dealer learned where the lumber was to be shipped to he told Larkins that in that event the price would be the same as the one in Visalia.

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Table with financial data: Net amount paid for fire insurance, \$3,064,292.20; Received for interest on mortgages, 5,180.92; Received for rents, interest and dividends on bonds, stocks, loans, and from all other sources, 186,981.70; Received for rents, interest and dividends on bonds, stocks, loans, and from all other sources, 5,592.00; Gross profit on sale or maturity of ledger assets, 9,632.15; Total income, \$3,270,959.19

Table with financial data: Net amount paid for fire insurance, \$3,064,292.20; Expenses of adjustment, 27,414.98; Provisions for losses, 160,000.00; Paid or allowed for commission or brokerage, 828,356.21; Paid for salaries, fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc., 109,232.58; Paid for state, national and local taxes, 33,982.79; Paid on account of sale or maturity of ledger assets, 7,941.20; Gross loss on account of borrowed money, 80,000.00; All other expenditures, 87,292.25; Total expenditures, \$3,724,652.89; Losses incurred during the year, \$1,702,132.99; RISKS AND PREMIUMS: Fire Risks Premiums, \$1,100,000.00; Marine Risks Premiums, \$4,800,106.04; Net amount of risks expired during the year, \$5,900,244.04; Net amount of risks in force, \$11,563,471.57; December 31, 1910, \$11,563,471.57; December 31, 1911, \$11,563,471.57; W. H. FAULSON, Secretary; E. G. JAMERSON, President; W. M. LINDSAY, Notary Public.

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