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TONIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS

Los Angeles Theater—Darkest Russia. Orpheum—Vaudeville.

REPUBLICAN TREACHERY

Senator Allen's motion to take up the Dingley bill forced the leaders of the Republican party to practically admit that their campaign talk about the pressing need of a revision of the tariff to provide for the expense account of the government was not only misleading, but a deliberately laid plan to deceive the people. The necessities of the government was so great, they said during the campaign, that the Dingley bill would be rushed through the senate to give the treasury relief until a more thorough and comprehensive measure to provide revenue could be adopted, but their insincerity was shown when Senator Allen moved to make the Dingley bill the order of business. The motion brought the leaders of the Republican side to their feet, and they lost no time in forming a combination to bury the bill in the finance committee.

Senator Allen is a Populist and he looks upon the Dingley bill as a scheme to rob the people, and his purpose in moving that it be taken up and acted upon by the senate was to prove out of the mouths of Republicans themselves that they are dealing treacherously with the people. Time over and again Mr. McKinley, as did other prominent Republicans declared during the campaign that if the Dingley bill were passed at this session of congress the necessity for an extra session would be obviated, as the customs duties collected under that bill would be ample to provide for the government's expense account until a thorough revision of the tariff law could be made, but the very first motion to take the bill up by the senate and enact into a law was defeated by the Republicans, and the whole question of additional revenues practically shelved.

Every move of the Republican leaders since the election substantiates the charges made against them by the Bryan following during the campaign, that if McKinley were elected the trusts and monopolies would jump into the saddle and ride rough shod over the people. Hanna and company do not want anything done by the present congress. It would spoil all their plans. What they want is an extra session of congress immediately after McKinley is inaugurated so as to put their schemes into operation as soon as possible, among which are the retirement of the greenbacks and treasury notes, a tariff act on the lines of the old McKinley schedule and the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands. The industrial and other trusts and monopolies which donated \$16,000,000 to elect McKinley do not propose to wait for the regular session of congress a year hence. They want to begin to get their money back right away. The indications now are that the next congress will be convened not later than March 15, and that it will remain in session until every promise that Hanna made to the country's barons and plutocrats is fulfilled to their entire satisfaction. The advantages that were to accrue to the contributors to the campaign fund will be due and payable on March 4, and the

Industrial nabobs are not the kind of men to give many days of grace.

THE DRAWBACKS OF IT

President Thwing of the Western Reserve university has an article in the December Forum under the caption, Drawbacks of a College Education, in which he undertakes to enumerate some of the disadvantages of college training. Singularly enough, he believes the chief injury to be through "fixing the habit of loving and doing only that which is agreeable." In a general sense that is true, but underlying the formation of that habit is a feeling of self-sufficiency and superiority which the young graduate feels, and which wholly unfit him for the currents of commerce and retards his advance in the professions. The mistake very many young graduates make is in supposing that somehow an extraordinary amount of common sense is transmitted to them by the "sheepskin," whereas a college training does little more than furnish an encyclopaedia of, we may say, practically every branch of knowledge, but in no degree does it supply common sense. A college-bred man should know better where to seek and how to acquire knowledge than one who has not had that training, but that is all the advantage he has, other things, that is, the ability to absorb knowledge by experience, study and observation, being equal.

What the future may develop is only conjecture, but thus far the colleges have not furnished many of the world's projects and founders of great commercial enterprises, nor have the avenues of the political and social advancement of humanity been widened and deepened, generally speaking, "by the product of the university." It is the common sense man of affairs to whom the world looks for a leader. It is not the dead languages, but the living issues of the times which need to be most understood. It is better to know a little of the problems of life than a great deal of the problems of Euclid. It is better that the American boy should know somewhat of the spirit of the Declaration of Independence than much of Virgilian verse. It is better that he should have knowledge of the science of human government than of the science of the stars. It is better that he should measure the advance of mankind to higher and truer levels of existence than the inter-planetary space. And in any event, it is better that he feel it is no concession on his part to go from the college building to the warehouse of commerce, to the lathe of the machinist or to the case of the printer. A college education might be made to dignify labor, but never would honest labor disgrace a college graduate.

Nevertheless, the advantages of a college education are too many and they are too valuable in the employments of life to be turned away from by anyone. In fact, it may be said to be a duty that every young man and young woman owes to the world to strive for the highest and best education his or her circumstances will permit. Then aim high in the activities of life, but do not think a college education is necessary to reach the ultimate of human success.

A WORD TO GOOD PEOPLE

The first victim of the wrath of the Parkhurst slumming committee was told by the court yesterday to go in peace. It is not the province of a newspaper to anticipate the decisions of the courts, nor try to influence them in anyway, but if the case that was tried and dismissed yesterday was a representative case, it would be wronging the taxpayers of Los Angeles to pile up court expenses merely to give certain notoriety seekers an opportunity to pose upon the witness stand as "holier than thou" men. This slumming committee and its indecent word pictures of indecency is fast becoming a stench in the nostrils of all good people, and public sentiment is rapidly reaching the point where smothered indignation will burst forth and go sweeping down upon the Parkhurst smut-mill like a fierce tornado.

There is no doubt at all that the slumming committee has and is still doing incalculable harm to the youth of this community. The committee is composed of men whose business it is to polish and weave words into bouquets of rhetorical flowers and sprinkle them with the glittering dew of the rhyme and rhythm of seductive poetry, and when they employ their descriptive powers to portray scenes of vice there is bound to be aroused in the heart and mind of young men a burning desire to witness it all, first, because of the horror of the situation, and then by wish to prolong the scene until desire prompts participation. And when the young man is bound to the wheel of shame and degradation, will he not be justified in moments of contrition in pointing his vice-marked finger at the committee and saying, "My sins be upon your head?"

But that is not all the evil that the slumming committee is sowing broadcast in the minds and hearts of the youth of Los Angeles. It is natural for a woman to abhor a man who tyrannizes over her sex, and it is the nature of the chivalrous man to stand between woman and her oppressor. It is so difficult, then, to see how this persecution—persecution apparently instigated by desire for notoriety—might create sympathy in the hearts of girls for the unfortunate of their sex, to if not beyond, the danger point? Is there one so blind that he cannot see how such brutal treatment of women, in the gutter of sin and shame though they be, might arouse a spirit of resentment in the heart of the brave young man that would lead him too far on the wrong side?

And, again, has the slumming committee raised its voice in condemnation of the men who made it possible for its members to behold scenes of debauchery? There has been no effort to apprehend the men who paved the way down to the dens of iniquity which the committee "visits" for notoriety's sake. No, there is no harsh word spoken of them. It is the vengeance of great strong men following and driving unfortunate women down to still lower hells. But let the committee remember that "vengeance is mine, saith the Lord."

If Senator Chandler was not so much of a jingo, the following sentiments, which he gave out the other day, might be of value in the struggle for bimetalism: The United States are opposed to the single gold standard, and are in favor of retreating in due course and with careful regard to the national honor the steps taken in the demonetization of silver, until both gold and silver shall be admitted to free coinage at the ratio of 15 1/2 to 1 and made the standard money of the world and the measure of the values of the world, is a proposition which would receive the suffrages of four-fifths of our voters, if this proposition alone could be fairly presented to them, even without further debate.

Without the slightest disposition to rub it in, we wish to remind the Times that Mr. P. Snyder was elected mayor of Los Angeles the other day.

A Madrid newspaper complains that the United States are ruining Spain's colonial power. Well, there is a good deal of truth in the charge.

New York boasts of having a society and dinner-giving man by the name of Dr. Roan who has spent \$300,000 for drinks in seven years.

An effort is being made to have McKinley and Reed shake hands and make up, but Reed complains of a sore hand and can't shake.

A Missouri candidate for judge returned his expense account, as required by law, and the only outlay was his time. He is a Populist.

Tom Watson says he is entirely out of politics. But Thomas would accept a sure thing in politics rather than have his coat torn.

January 8th is "Jackson day." What preparations are being made by Los Angeles Democrats to celebrate it?

"We are in sight of the promised land" is the first line of the hymn the trusts and monopolies are singing.

Good John Wanamaker is advertising his bargain counter as "the Christmas spirit."

If the rebels get much closer to Havana Weyler will retreat on Madrid.

No, there will be no football game when the electoral college meets.

ANTICIPATION. My wife, I know, Will give me, At Christmas time, With motive free, A box of, oh, such cheap cigars!

She doesn't know, And never will, How they are sure To make me ill, And drive me to the lowest bars.

Thus is the day Made sad to me By those clear, She gives us free, That smell unto the very stars, —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

EDITOR C. M. HEINTZ. Among the untiring workers in the interest of the fifth annual session of the irrigation congress, none has labored more earnestly or with less desire for remuneration than C. M. Heintz of Los Angeles, present secretary of the congress, and now at home and the regular headquarters in this city are in excellent condition, largely through his efforts and four times the amount of money usually secured has been obtained at a cost of about \$100 compared with \$2500 expended on similar occasions. This is the result of his editing a live newspaper man at the helm, as Mr. Heintz stands at the front in his profession and besides he has been increasing in his efforts. Such work is worthy of recognition, and later if possible, of appropriate remuneration.—Phoenix Gazette.

THE VENEZUELA DECISION. The London Times thinks that it will be eighteen months or two years before arbitration in the Venezuela matter will bring a final decision. The arbitration agreement between England and Venezuela embodying the Anglo-American agreement would be the next step. Various arrangements as to details would then be required and would consume time. Jurists and diplomatists work slowly, and after arbitration begun many months will be consumed in presenting evidence and making their cases of evidence is enormous. Previous cases of international arbitration have consumed years. Securing a final decision is likely to break the record of procrastination.—Galveston Daily News.

THE NEW SANTA ANA LINE. John McFadden, the capitalist, of Santa Ana, who owns the line of railroad from that city to Newport beach, has now, with one or two exceptions, says the Long Beach Eye, been granted right of way for an extension to Westminster, thence on to Newport, which, when completed, will form a branch track, a square of ground has been donated by the Westminster people for a depot, and preparations are working to have the circuit completed for next season's travel to the seashore. Then it is proposed to have the Southern Pacific intersect at Westminster, and to Alhambra, and on through to Long Beach.

MANSFIELD IS A TERROR. Mansfield, the actor, must be a nice man to get along with. The New York Press says he is a terror to his company; that they speak in whispers when near him, and he is utterly unapproachable to anything like familiarity. The same writer says he can smell anything, even a rat. He can detect odors when they are not around. What is fragrant to others is likely to be maddening to him, because he can go through the sweetest and fragrant and find that the manufacturer of the perfume had imbursed cheese on his breath when he bottled it.

MICHAEL MUNKACZY. The famous Hungarian artist has been struck with paralysis and will never work again. He is 50 years old and began as a carpenter. Perhaps his greatest painting was "Christ Before Pilate," which was bought by John Wanamaker of Philadelphia. Others of his celebrated works were "Ecce Homo," "Last Days of a Condemned Prisoner," "Christ on Calvary" and "The Last Moments of Mozart."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THEATRICAL DEFINITIONS. The Girl I Left Behind Me—The landlady, held by the enemy—An ace full. In Missouri—Jefferson City. In Old Kentucky—Bourbon. The Twelve Temptations—A dozen from the ballet. My Partner—Poverty. The Silver King—10 to 1. The Crust of Society—What the poor get. Rob Roy—Or anything else. Sowing the Wind—Talking to empty benches. An American Beauty—A \$20 gold piece. —Omaha World-Herald.

THE CITY'S PUBLIC PARKS

The Annual Report of the Superintendent

MANY IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE

What Has Been Accomplished in Elysian Park

SOME NEW ROADS LAID OUT

Thousands of Trees Planted and Are Now Progressing Nicely

The Botanical Gardens Have Also Received Much Attention

The General Condition of All Parks is Highly Satisfactory—Finances in Good Shape—Weekly Meeting of the Commissioners.

The park commissioners met in the mayor's office yesterday morning, with Mayor Rader presiding and all the members of the board present.

The superintendent reported the advisability of the watchmen in the East Los Angeles and Westlake parks going on duty at 1 p. m., and remaining until 9 p. m., which was ordered.

On motion the secretary was instructed to place \$500 on the dwelling in the East Los Angeles park.

In the matter of the pipe line from Echo park, action was deferred until the next regular meeting.

The annual reports of the secretary and superintendent were submitted, and superintendent and motion were adopted and ordered transmitted to the council.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for ten days for the construction of the band stand for the East Los Angeles park, according to the plans and specifications on file, and with wooder cement floors.

On motion, the matter of trees for the Fielding avenue entrance to Elysian park was referred to the superintendent, along with the board adjourned.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

In his annual report Secretary Mendenhall gives a detailed statement of the park finances for the past year. All of the revenues in good shape and expenditures are being kept within the appropriations. Owing to the fact that under the charter the report must be closed on November 30, and the time for the payment of taxes having been extended, an apparent over-draft of some of the funds is shown. This, however, is not the case, as the money will be on hand to meet all demands.

Superintendent Garey gave a detailed statement in relation to the care and improvement of the several parks. A very large amount of work has been done in extending the roads, walks and drives. Hundreds of thousands of plants with wooder cement floors. Many of the various parks, and hundreds of valuable contributions have been made to the botanical gardens in the matter of the various smaller parks, the superintendent has the following to say about Elysian park, "our first great and grand park."

The work accomplished in this park has been very satisfactory. A large portion of the new groves are located in the valleys and on the level and too great a distance from the main boulevard to be appreciated at present.

The young trees planted last spring have grown very well, and the ground was put in thorough condition and the trees well planted. The several varieties of eucalyptus have grown from two to four feet in height, the cypress and pine have made a large growth, and thorough cultivation of the soil, less water will be necessary next summer.

Twenty-five thousand (25,000) were planted during the past year, and of the 20,000 only twelve hundred (12,000) were replaced by new trees, which speaks well for the management.

There has been constructed about four thousand (4000) feet of new road, thirteen hundred (1300) feet during May and June, which cost \$11,000, and \$10,000 (total \$21,000) the cost of the 4000 feet was less than one dollar and fifty cents per foot. Cultivated the ground and planted about four times as many trees as last year. The groves of last season's planting three times. Hauled water to the young trees in groves twice, first from middle of July to last of August, and then from middle of September to last of October, which was sufficient, as no trees suffered for the want of water.

Delivered now planted about twenty-five (25) acres of trees this winter.

Delivered during the summer forty-three (43,000) thousand plants to the several parks.

Have on hand eighty-one thousand, four hundred and thirty-six (81,436) plants for planting this spring.

There has been work necessary in Holmbeck park, East Side and Westlake which necessitated the early expenditure of money in order to accomplish the same work which could have been economically done before winter rains.

The grading and graveling of roadways and walks were finished before the first rains, and were not and did not become soft and impassable during wet weather; the grading of the banks and making fills is work that should always be completed before winter.

All of this work has been finished, and at a less expense than could have been accomplished during the rainy season. In order to do this work I have over-drawn the monthly allowance, believing that in so doing we have gained instead of sustaining loss to the parks.

The expense for the next six months will be simply for maintenance, and there should be no deficiency on June 1st, 1897.

Trees, both for shade and to add beauty to the landscape, are of the greatest importance and should be thoroughly studied.

In order to secure good results, the forest should be composed of various species, mixed forest planting has many advantages.

In order to improve this park intelligently and systematically, the first step would be to acquire the irregular tract of land extending into the park reservation, thereby squaring the outlines of the park property.

In some instances only small portions of the several tracts would be required. Exchanges of land might be made which would be satisfactory on both sides.

The extent of the park is large and I do not think addition to the number of acres necessary; the important question is to square and secure certain portions desirable and naturally belonging to the park.

To fully understand the situation and benefits to be obtained by securing these lands, and to proceed in a business-like and sensible way, retaining the natural features of beauty, a topographical survey and the making of a topographical map of the park lands, together with the plan for the improvement, and from this should be made a map showing locations of proposed drives, with figures indicating changes of grades, etc. Working to such a plan there would be little conflict in the carrying out of the original plans, when changes in administration occur, and a great deal of unnecessary expense saved—in cases certain work could be deferred without loss to the interests of the park—and at any time after taken up and carried out, thereby providing for early expenditure which could be deferred without loss to the interests of the park.

The extending of roads is always in keeping with the development of the park.

The possibilities of the natural advantages of Elysian park is almost beyond comprehension. The adaptation of the various soils to the many classes of trees, shrubs and plants, is practically unlimited, and by using proper care in the selection of location, there can be no conjecture as to the results.

Within the boundary of Elysian park we have the natural adaptation to growth requiring rich and strong soil, the sandy alluvial on which palms and conifers thrive best; the rocky hillsides rich in iron and copper producing elements suitable to the requirements of the blue gum; then the deep chasms and canyons into which depths the sun seldom penetrates—this is where the fern, brake and willow find a home.

The northern exposures can be gardened with indigenous flowers and beautiful vines, which, with little attention will reproduce themselves, and so produce a world of brightness. One feature mirrored in our park, and in Elysian in particular, is color; clumps of flowering plants, trees and shrubs planted in prominent places would produce strong and striking effects.

The blue gum adapts itself to almost any soil and climate, but this cannot be said for all of the eucalyptus species; the more desirable kinds for shade require particular advantages for the full development, and these conditions should never be lost sight of, and by a perfect understanding of these conditions, and putting this knowledge into practice, our endeavors will surely be successful.

Roads branching from the main boulevard should extend to the more important points, and returning to main drive at some convenient point. By this method many miles of beautiful drive can be accomplished.

The natural scenery and views of Elysian park are equal to any park in the United States and should be strictly guarded.

The question of water for Elysian park is of the most and greatest importance. The supply is inadequate to the requirements for the present needs of the nursery alone.

The annual expense for hauling water for the young groves would pay a good interest on a pumping plant.

SEWER MATTERS

Recommendations Adopted by the Committee at Yesterday's Meeting

The sewer committee of the council met yesterday and adopted the following recommendations for submission to the meeting Monday:

In the matter of the proposals to sewer Wall street and the alley in block 15 of the O. W. Childs tract, recommend the bid of C. L. Powell at 55 9-10 cents per lineal foot for the sewer complete be accepted and the accompanying resolution of award adopted.

In the matter of the proposals to sewer Fremont avenue and other streets, recommend the bid of C. L. Powell at 55 9-10 cents per lineal foot for the sewer complete be accepted and the accompanying resolution of award adopted.

In the matter of the proposals to sewer Council street, recommend the bid of S. J. Edwards at 73 cents per lineal foot for the sewer complete be accepted and the accompanying resolution of award adopted.

In the matter of petition No. 1101, from George F. Paulk, asking to connect his property on Washington street with the outfall sewer, be filed, as the matter has been acted upon.

In the matter of petition No. 1102, from Catherine F. Smith et al., asking that Twelfth street from San Pedro street to Tennessee street be widened, recommend the same be granted and the city engineer instructed to prepare and present the necessary ordinance of intention.

In the matter of petition No. 1103, from A. M. Hough et al., asking that First street between Olive street and Grand avenue be widened, recommend the same be referred to the city engineer to report if there is any other way to sever this street between Grand avenue and Bunker Hill avenue other than the one petitioned for.

CHASING A SHADOW.

Story to the Effect That Mr. Nickell's Election in the First is Invalid.

There was a story afloat about the city hall yesterday that the election of Mr. Nickell as councillor from the First ward was invalid, owing to a technical failure to comply with the election law. According to the law, it is claimed, not more than one name should be on the certificate. It is claimed that in the case of the First ward the names of the councillor and member of the board of education are on one blank. There is no charge of any fraud, or intent of fraud, and, at the most, it is but a technical point and one which it is not believed that any court would sustain, several attorneys expressing themselves to that effect.

Mr. Stockwell, when asked about the matter, said that he had been told the fact, and that some of his friends seemed to be of the opinion that the defect was fatal. So far as he was concerned, he did not think there was anything in it, nor should he pay any attention to the matter. The election was fairly conducted, and for his part, if he was defeated honestly at the polls he did not wish to avail himself of any technicality.

LAI D UP WITH GRIP.

City Clerk Luckenbach is laid up with an attack of grip. He is not expected to be at his office before Monday.

WANT A STREET IMPROVED.

Property owners on Lucas avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets have petitioned the council for the grading and sidewalk of that thoroughfare.

BUILDING PERMITS.

The following permits were issued by the building superintendent yesterday: Rose Marriam, Ceres street, between Sixth and Seventh, one-story residence, \$500.

George Kitchin, Fourteenth street, between Pearl and Fremont, one-story frame residence, \$750.

Fruit Growers' Express, San Fernando street, addition to ice house, \$85.

BOSTON DRY GOODS STORE. J. W. ROBINSON CO. Broadway--Opposite City Hall. WHOLESALE Third and Fourth Floors. RETAIL First and Second Floors. Telephone 1013. Main 924.

Real Shell Novelties. This department always has had a most generous patronage during the Holidays. There is no stock in our house which offers more dainty and valuable articles for Christmas than this. Our customers will find the right goods at satisfactory prices. Small Hairpins, light and dark shell, 8c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c each. Medium, light and dark Shell Pins, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 each. Elegant light and dark Shell Pins, extra, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00. Large and small hand-carved Side Combs, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50 pair. Bang Combs, large and small, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 up. Small Shell Ornaments—Buckle Side Combs, 75c, 85c, \$1.00 each; \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 set. Medium size, hand-carved Ornaments, beautiful shades, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.00 each. Large Combs, hand-carved, exclusive designs, \$4.75, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50 each. Lorgnettes, plain and hand-carved, confined styles, \$1.75, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.75, \$5.00 up to \$7.50 each. Children's Hair Bards, single and double, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 up to \$2.25. Store closes Saturday evenings at 9 p. m.

S. Nordlinger Jeweler and Silversmith. No. 109 South Spring Street. Under Nadeau Hotel. Established 1869. A Jeweler's Suggestion. Buyers will consult their own interests by making their Xmas purchases early. There is always a rush before the holidays, but this year above all others everybody will be at our store on account of the immense assortment and popular prices that are such marked features of this season's display. S. Nordlinger \$100 in Gold Given Away.

Buffalo Woolen Co. 248 South Broadway. To the People. Los Angeles Herald.

Holiday Goods... Allen's Furniture Closing-Out Sale. 332-334 South Spring Street.

Newber's Westminster Creamery Butter. Fresh Ranch Eggs, 25c doz. Just arrived—a choice line of Pineapples; price, 10c pound. 216 and 218 South Spring Street. A MAGIC ISLAND SANTA CATALINA. Charming climate, wonderful natural attractions, famous fishing, shooting, quail, dove and wild goat hunting. Delightful coast excursions. Hotel Metropole open all the year. Unusually reduced rates for fall and winter. Ideal accommodations for ladies and gentlemen at Exotic Camp, heart of the game country. Our special coupon ticket includes transportation Los Angeles to Avila, accommodations Hotel Metropole and Exotic Camp, saddle animals, etc. Regular service by S. S. Time Tables, L. A. Daily papers. Full information and illustrated pamphlets from SANBAG COMPANY, 223 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.