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The nobility of a people lies not in its capacity for war, but in its capacity for peace. It is indeed only because the nations are incapable of the one that they plunge so readily into the other.

—G. Lowes Dickinson.

The Fair's First Day

In spite of the annual apprehension that there would not be a large crowd at the fair the attendance yesterday is said to have been equal to that of any Monday crowd and to have surpassed many Mondays. It is regularly supposed that the machinery of the fair does not run smoothly until after the first day and, therefore, many visitors wait until the middle of the week before going. It will, of course, be the same this year and every year.

There are many guests from outside especially from the southern part of the state. More are expected to arrive until as late as Wednesday night. This county will probably not be fully represented on the fair grounds before the middle of the week. We trust that the proper committees will see that the visitors are well taken care of; that they will not be left to their own devices to entertain themselves as they have had so often to do in the past, with the result that they flocked together as strangers within the gates of a strange and inhospitable town.

The fair commission has done well but it cannot do everything. It must have the unofficial aid of a large number of citizens if the fair is to be made such a success that the visitors will so home with a good taste in their mouths.

It should be added that no Monday audience was better pleased than that of yesterday.

A New Mohammed

"Let us bear in mind," says the Berlin Voische Zeitung, "that our interests are the interests of humanity itself. As we are the supreme people, our duty henceforth is to lead the march of humanity. It would be a sin against our mission to spare the peoples who are inferior to us." Such boastful utterances as this have had much to do with the prejudice against the German cause in the present war.

The American people were content to take the German statement that Germany was not responsible for the war at its face value; to suspend judgment until a later and a clearer light should succeed the murkiness that has enveloped Europe for more than a year. We were even willing to accept the invasion of Belgium as a military necessity and many of us found an excuse for the sinking of the Lusitania, if those acts were necessary to preserve Germany against a conspiracy of her neighbors.

But no nation likes to hear another nation proclaim itself as superior to all others, just as we entertain a grievance against the individual who by reason of his self-imputed, superior qualities, undertakes to remodel his immediate neighborhood.

We concede to Germany its remarkable efficiency. We admit that it has excelled in nearly all departments of human endeavor, in arms, in the sciences and in the arts, in manufacture and in commerce, in agriculture and in its municipal life. Yet, that superiority does not give Germany license to Germanize the world, to enforce its methods, its efficiency, upon unwilling neighbors. It is offensive to us to have Kultur, however good it may be for us, crammed down our throats. We resent this more than we would Germany as the master of the war of nations.

It was one thing for Germany to march across Belgium to forestall her enemies and quite another thing to call a swarth through Belgium in the course of a general crusade against human inferiority, to make the level of efficiency.

If that is the purpose our turn will come some time when that well-meaning and forceful nation, having rearranged European, Asiatic and African conditions to suit herself, discerns that we on this side of the ocean are below measure.

Mohammed's great idea was to send everybody to heaven and in furtherance of it he spread his gospel by means of the sword. He has been subjected to some criticism on that account. When he said, "There is no God but Allah," the right thinking people of his time were not inclined to dispute him. But when he added "And Mohammed is his Prophet," he encountered polemical and physical resistance.

We are willing to learn efficiency from our German friends, but we do not want to learn it from the mouths of cannon, and it "grunches" us to have it threatened to us.

The Obscure in Art

There is just now in Phoenix a widening interest in the subject of art which we hope will never be narrowed. Interest has by no means been

lacking. For some years it has been kept warm in the art department of the Woman's Club. Phoenix has sent out some creditable artists of whom more will be heard.

While, as a community, we are now giving more than usual attention to art, it may be well to speak of the lack of appreciation many of us feel, of great paintings. We regret our want of enthusiasm and we are utterly hopeless in the presence of futurist and post-impressionist schools of art. We cannot understand how anyone can attach meaning to pictures which seem to be nothing more than uncommon nonsense.

But we and all such persons can take comfort from the observations of a critic of the more conservative school of art, who recently said:

"The finer things in art are appreciated by the finer people. The finer things in art are incomprehensible to the commoner mentality. Such would not of themselves have ranked the great masters of art as they are esteemed. Hence many, finding the ultra-modern school of art incomprehensible, imagine that it is therefore, great art."

This exposition is only in part satisfactory. It removes our regret that we cannot admire the futurist school. That may be dismissed by us as something not worth while. Even artists cannot admire or understand it, so why should we? But there is implied in this explanation that a real masterpiece is an esthetic thing, great, because it conforms to rules not understood by many. It can, therefore, be understood only by the "finer" people. It is "incomprehensible to the commoner mentality."

We do not think that is true. That we may not always appreciate really fine work is because our taste has not been cultivated to it. Mentality and capability are not necessarily lacking. Much music does not appeal to us, though later, we may be brought to understand its delights. Most of us do not at first appreciate the higher forms of the drama. Sculpture is somewhat different. It is more tangible and lends itself less easily to confusion except where the subject is allegorical.

But, generally, a great painting should be understood by all. It separates from the general confusion a definite form of nature and shows us its essence as well as its form. It is the inspired artist helping us to see. Such a picture will find understanding and reverence in every thoughtful person, however little he may know about art.

It is not a matter of "fitness" or mentality at all. The recognized masters have made themselves pretty well understood while the futurists and some mediocre artists of even the conservative schools have not done so. They have elicited the pretended admiration of artists and others who regard their admiration as a sacred offering to an unknown god.

Artists have not been alone in compelling unknowing tribute. A few years ago the country was filled with "Browning Clubs," now happily almost obsolete. Every little village had one. It was the supposed center of community culture. The devotees went into ecstasies over obscure and shadowy passages that they did not, and could never, understand, since some of them were so elusive that the great poet himself in after years confessed doubt as to the meaning of the message he sought to convey.

We slow, plodding mortals may, therefore, take heart, knowing that there is not so much in art hidden from us that is revealed to others. Frequently what small artists put upon canvases is like the language of Old Man Bullum, one of Mark Twain's characters, a secret between himself and the Almighty. And, no doubt, at in the case of Browning, the secret sometimes rests alone with the Almighty.

Two Blunders

It was none of the business of Assistant Postmaster Burkitt of Winnetka, Illinois, whether President Wilson waited a year or a century after the death of his first wife before announcing his purpose to remarry. It was also none of the business of Postmaster General Burleson what Assistant Postmaster Burkitt thought of the president's precipitateness. Presumably the assistant postmaster was not chosen for that office because he was expected to approve in its entirety the private and official conduct of the president. We have no doubt the postmaster general would say that the fitness of the assistant postmaster was the reason for his appointment, a qualification that could not subsequently be disturbed by a pronouncement of his views in favor of leisurely second marriages.

The postmaster general's evident assumption that the president is a sacred bird has naturally brought a great deal of embarrassment to the president, and, what is worse, to his fiancée, Mrs. Galt. The president has properly cured the mistake of his too subservient postmaster general by ordering the reinstatement of the very frank Mr. Burkitt.

We suppose that if the whirligig of time should bring to the United States the need of an ambassador of great diplomatic ability at a difficult and delicate post, and the name of Mr. Burleson should be suggested, this incident of the Winnetka postoffice would be remembered to his disadvantage.

Thoughtful people desirous of arriving at the truth, have not believed all they have heard of the suffering and distress in Belgium. No doubt there was enough as there was in northeastern France, in Poland, East Prussia during the brief Russian occupation, in Serbia and in every country through which war has plowed. On the other hand, we cannot believe the German stories that the war brought the millennium to Belgium, that it is better governed now than that opportunities of well-doing and well-being have been increased. The truth is somewhere midway between these stories.

"I, Francisco Villa, will yet ride on the crest of an avalanche that will crush them (his enemies) and all the other enemies of Mexico forever," declares the redoubtable general. Those who have tried it are aware that the "crest of an avalanche" is not a safe thing to ride.

R. J. HILL GETS AGENCY FOR THE LOCOMOBILE

An announcement that will be of interest to the Phoenix auto world, was let out last night, when Richard J. Hill, who has been interested in a valley ranch for sometime, had acquired the agency for the Locomobile.

Hill stated last night that he had not as yet been able to obtain garage quarters, but he will have an exhibition at the fair grounds on Wednesday. His first car will arrive that morning.

Hill is a nephew of Jas. J. Hill, noted railroad builder, and is an old hand at the auto game. Since his advent into Arizona he has been engaged in managing the Hillbrook Farm near Scottsdale.

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

Pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 160, Chapter XIII, Title VII, Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1913, notice is hereby given that the Commission of the City of Phoenix, in its session, on the 10th day of November, 1915, opened, examined and publicly declared all sealed proposals or bids offered for the following work, to-wit:

Section 1. That the public interest and convenience require, and that it is the intention of the Commission of the City of Phoenix, to do the following work to be done, to-wit:

1. That the roadway of Madison street in said city from the westerly line of Third street to the easterly line of Third street, including the intersections of First and Second streets and excepting the intersections of Central avenue, First avenue and Second avenue, and including also private drives wherever shown on the plans hereinafter referred to, and including also such portions of intersecting streets as is necessary to form an easy approach to the pavement hereinafter described, be graded and paved with Bitulithic Pavement.

2. That a combined concrete curb and gutter be built along both sides of the roadway of Madison street from the westerly line of Third street to the easterly line of Third street, excepting at the intersection of streets, alleys and private drives and the approaches thereto, and excepting also where a concrete curb has already been built and is in satisfactory condition as shown by the plans hereinafter referred to where a gutter only shall be built.

3. That a cement concrete curb be built along the edges of the pavement at street intersections approaching thereto, and private drives excepting where curb is in a satisfactory condition, on Madison street from the westerly line of Third street to the easterly line of Third street.

4. That a cement concrete gutter be built across the intersections of all private drives along Madison street from the westerly line of Third street to the easterly line of Third street.

5. That a ditch be dug in the parking on both sides of Madison street between Second and Third streets, excepting at the intersection of private drives.

6. That the parkings on both sides of Madison street from the easterly line of Third street to the westerly line of Third street be graded level with the top of curb from the inside of the curb to the outside edge of sidewalks or to the property line, if side walks are not in.

7. That corrugated iron pipes ten (10) inches in diameter be laid crossing Madison street on the east side of Second street, near the edge of the roadway of Second street. That corrugated iron pipes ten (10) inches in diameter be laid under all private drives along the south side of Madison street between Second and Third street.

8. That cement concrete standpipes be built at the ends of the aforementioned corrugated pipe crossing Madison street on the east side of Second street, and that sheetmetal gates be set in said standpipes to control the flow of water through said standpipes.

9. That cement concrete pipes ten (10) inches in diameter be laid along both sides of Madison street from the aforementioned standpipes to a point five (5) feet east of the east line of Second street and along Second street from standpipe on north side of Madison street to a point approximately fourteen (14) feet beyond the north property line of Madison street. The sheet-metal gates be set reaching through the curb and that said gates be connected with ten (10) inch cement pipes on both sides of the roadway of Madison street approximately five (5) feet west of the west line of Third street and approximately five (5) feet east of the east line of Third street.

10. That corrugated iron culverts complete with bulkhead structures be built across Madison street on both sides of the roadway of First and Second streets, and that corrugated iron culverts complete with bulkhead structures be built on both sides of the roadway of Madison street from the aforementioned culvert to a point approximately five (5) feet beyond the corresponding property line.

FAIR PROGRAM TODAY

Grounds and all concessions open at eight o'clock.

11 a. m. Baseball game on infield, Ray Miners versus Hayden Smelter, for the Arizona state championship. Double parachute leap from captive balloon.

12 m. Dinner served in all cafes on grounds.

1 p. m. Opening of harness races.

2:04 pace.....Purse \$1,000.00
2:12 trot.....Purse \$1,000.00
2 yr. old.....Purse \$500.00

Running Races

Five-eighths mile, open.....Purse \$200
One mile, open.....Purse \$200
3/4 furlongs, open.....Purse \$200

Cowboy Sports

Continuous on half mile track.

Free acts, interspersed through afternoon program. Grandstand and Pedera, repeating their marvelous high wire act, "The Human Elephant." Prof. Macgregor's six daily diving divinites in "Neptune's Daughters."

Calmie performers, the diving dogs, a performance especially for the little ones.

Ed Under offers a world's record breaking effort, five parachute leaps from the giant captive balloon.

Nave and Zarado, hand to hand feats of strength and skill on the flying trapeze.

Superintendent Hilby Cook of the cowboy sports department announces the following program for the sports for today:

Semi-final roping contest, novelty of cowboy, potpourri, steer, riding, cowboy, potpourri, horseback, wrestling, steer riding, bulldogging, contest, final.

PURSE IN THE MAIL—A mail carrier making collections yesterday found a purse in one of the boxes. It contained a round trip ticket from Phoenix to Phoenix and back, and other papers. The ticket had been issued to John Hagan.

WAR VETS DANCE—A great deal of interest is being worked up in the annual ball of the United Spanish War Veterans for Friday. So that the affair may be an entire success, the committee has been going around working its head off. He says so, himself.

On the 11th day of August, 1915, and on file in the office of the City Engineer, in Book Two (2), of street improvement Plans, on pages sixty (60) to seventy-one (71) inclusive, and in further accordance with specifications Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city and which said plans and specifications are hereby referred to for a more particular description of the said work and made a part hereof.

Section 2. That the said contemplated work or improvement in the opinion of the Commission is of more than local or ordinary public benefit, and that said Commission hereby makes the costs and expenses of said improvement chargeable upon a district and hereby declares that the district in said City of Phoenix benefitted by the said work or improvement, and to be assessed to pay the costs and expenses thereon is described as follows:

The south half of blocks 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, all in the Original Townsite of Phoenix.

The said Commission has determined that serial bonds shall be issued to represent each assessment of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars or more for the costs and expenses of serial bonds to extend over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds and to bear interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. Said bonds to be in the form and payable in the manner prescribed in Title VII, Chapter XIII, Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1913, and thereafter to-wit:

On the 11th day of November, 1915, said Commission of the City of Phoenix, awarded the contract for said work to the lowest regular responsible bidder, to-wit:

The California-Arizona Construction Company, at the prices named for said work in its proposal on file with the City Clerk, to-wit:

Quantities	Unit	Price
11,491 sq. yds. Bitulithic Pavement		2.10
3066 lin. ft. Combined Curb and Gutter		1.65
288 lin. ft. Gutter only		.50
562 lin. ft. Curb only		.50
108 lin. ft. Alley Gutter		1.66
48 lin. ft. Corrugated Culvert		3.25
15 Bulkhead Structures		15.00
8 Wing Walls and Bases for Bulkhead Structures		15.00
85 lin. ft. 10 in. Concrete Pipe		.85
85 lin. ft. 10 in. Corrugated Pipe		1.50
553 lin. ft. of Ditch Built		.10
2 Standpipes		18.00
4-4C Gates		2.25
2-10 in. Sheet Metal Gates		1.75
14 Vainerick Curb Guards		2.50
Additional Work		400.00

Any owner of, or any person having an interest in any lot or land liable to assessment, who claims that any of the previous acts or proceedings, relating to the said improvement are irregular, defective, illegal, erroneous or faulty may file with the City Clerk of the City of Phoenix, within fifteen (15) days from the date of the first publication of this notice of award of contract a written notice specifying in what respect said acts and proceedings are irregular, defective, illegal, erroneous or faulty, and if no notices are filed, the Superintendent of Streets of the City of Phoenix, will enter into contract with said company to make said improvements at the prices specified in its proposal or bid.

FRANK THOMAS
City Clerk of the City of Phoenix,
November 11, 1915.

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OPENING DAY PROVES

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stood for all that is good and powerful in the hearts of the people. He concluded his talk in the following words:

"I am not going to stop the horse racing. I am only here to congratulate the state of Arizona upon the fact that thus far in its career it has had men and women of courage, men and women who, when they want something done, went out and did it, and I congratulate you that you face this desert, that you face these mountains; that you face the toll and privations that come with the barrenness, and that you have done what you have done yourselves, and that you are not leaning upon the Carmegies and the Rockefeller of the republic, and now, in this great state fair of yours, you begin to see the fruit of the work of your hands; you begin to see the greatness of the aspirations of your plans; you begin to see the beauty of the act that is your own; and I congratulate you upon that fact; and while I want Arizona to become one of the rich states of the republic, I want that richness and that greatness to be made by the men and women of Arizona, and not by anybody else."

Mr. Marshall remained for several of the races, but left in the middle of the afternoon. He was accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey, and Congressman Carl Hayden. He occupied a box well down in front, and was a target for the glances of every one as they came into the grandstand.

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ODD FELLOWS — Phoenix Odd Fellows meet this evening in regular session. All visiting members sojourning in the city are invited to attend.

AUTO CRASH—Dr. Bradbury's car had a wheel eliminated yesterday when it was struck by a motor car, driven, as is claimed, on the wrong side of First avenue, at the Monroe crossing. The name of the driver was not secured.

MRS. ARMOUR'S WILL PROBATED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
KANSAS CITY, Nov. 15.—The will of Mrs. Margaret E. Armour, widow of the late S. B. Armour, the packer, who died here November 11, was filed for probate today. The estate is valued at about two million dollars.



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