

## PEOPLE DEMAND GAS LEGISLATION

### GOOD GOVERNMENT LEAGUE READY TO ACT

Leaders Declare They Will Take Affairs Into Their Own Hands if Council Does Not Exhume Ordinance

To enact and enforce such laws governing the manufacture and sale of gas that when a citizen of Los Angeles goes to the gas company and applies for gas service he shall receive it at once, at a fair price, and the gas furnished shall be of uniform good quality.

This is the slogan which those behind the fight for better gas at fair prices are hurling at the monopoly.

The fight for good gas at reasonable prices, inspection of meters and methods of manufacture, which was started several months ago by "The Herald," has been taken up by leagues and associations having the best interests of the city at heart, and the recruits declare they are in the fight to stay, and to win.

When the movement was inaugurated such pressure was brought upon the members of the old council by the people of their various wards that when a motion to instruct the city attorney to draw up an ordinance which should regulate the gas monopoly in Los Angeles according to the powers conferred by the city charter on the council it was immediately passed.

This ordinance was drawn by City Attorney Mathews after a careful study of the subject and was presented to the council. The city fathers looked rather askance at the document and handled it much as they would a package of nitro glycerine, and finally buried it carefully in the committee of the whole. At the present time this ordinance is still resting peacefully in the committee.

#### Prepare for War

Since the attempt last Monday on the part of Councilman Houghton to bring the ordinance out of the committee and before the council, the two interests, the gas company and the people, have been preparing for war. It is the frankly expressed opinion of several public officials that the council will not only refuse to pass the ordinance, but that the ordinance will never be exhumed from the committee of the whole burial ground.

"The Good Government league has been preparing for this fight for weeks, and I might even say months," said President R. N. Norton, yesterday, and continued: "We have been gathering facts of all kinds pertaining to the case from various sources, and had our plan of campaign not only mapped out, but we were prepared to carry it out before we appeared before the council last Monday. You see we do not intend to be caught in a fight without ammunition.

#### Plenty of Funds

"The league is incorporated under the laws of the state of California and has several hundred members. We have an established fund for carrying on such campaigns, and we know where we can get more if it is needed.

"It is not our purpose to in any way hurt the gas company or to work any unfairness. The company has, however, a practical monopoly on the lighting and heating of the city of Los Angeles, and while it is yet young, this gas company shows the unmistakable marks of the octopus, and that is what we are fighting.

"According to the charter of the city of Los Angeles the citizens have the right to regulate the manufacture, sale and price of gas, and if the council does not act by a week from next Monday the people will take the case into their own hands.

"We want such laws passed and enforced that when a citizen of Los Angeles goes into the office of the gas company and makes application for gas service, that he shall get the service immediately and, more than that, at a fair price and gas of good and uniform quality.

"There does not seem to be a single one of these conditions in existence at the present time. We want to make it impossible for the company to say, 'You will have to wait for a while; the councilman from your ward does not suit us. When you let us appoint a councilman from your ward, then we will lay mains and furnish you with gas.'

#### PICK AND SHOVEL FOR MEAL

##### Prisoner Tells Judge He Stole Tools to Appease Appetite

In order to appease his appetite, as he says, John Williams stole a pick and shovel and yesterday Judge Smith in the superior court sentenced him to serve one year in state's prison.

March 1, Williams entered Peniel hall on South Main street and when his eyes rested upon a pick and shovel, he decided that he would devour the implements.

He told the court that he was intoxicated at the time and that he mistook the farming implements for a loaf of bread and a doughnut.

"You can't eat a pick and a shovel, can you?" asked the judge in astonishment.

"Not exactly," replied the prisoner, with a grin.

Williams was found guilty of robbery in the second degree.

## EQUITABLE SAVINGS BANK GAINS STEADILY

Stockholders Elect Directors—Board Well Pleased With Progress of Institution

At the recent special meeting of the stockholders of the Equitable Savings bank of Los Angeles, corner of First and Broadway, J. O. Koepfl of Bishop & Company, and president of the chamber of commerce, Willis H. Booth of Levi Booth & Son, W. J. Doran, vice-president of the Los Angeles national bank, and P. F. Johnson, cashier, were elected members of the board of directors. The other members of the board are W. J. Washburn, president, Archibald Douglas, vice-president, and president of the Los Angeles Stone and Sewer Pipe company, Frank P. Flint, United States senator, Charles S. Bradford, of Stockwell & Bradford, and George E. Bittinger, cashier of the Los Angeles national bank.

The Equitable has been established for nearly eleven years, and has been doing an exclusively savings business for two years. The business has grown steadily, and under the conservative management of President Washburn, whose policy has been unanimously endorsed by the directors, the institution it is stated has earned a reputation for integrity and reliability second to no other savings bank. No loans are made for more than one-half of a conservative valuation of the security; no personal loans are made and there are no preferred depositors. Four per cent is paid on term deposits, three per cent on ordinary deposits, and two per cent on special certificates. The last official statement shows: Assets—Loans on real estate, \$742,679.38; bonds, \$105,232.80; furniture and fixtures, \$20,024.93; cash and due from banks, \$220,598.69; total, \$1,070,536.69. Liabilities—Capital, \$50,000; surplus and undivided profits, \$8,229.20; deposits, \$1,012,307.49; total, \$1,070,536.69. The steady growth of the savings bank is best shown by the following showing of comparative deposits: March 11, 1903, began business; July 1, 1903, deposits, \$491,500; January 1, 1904, \$662,500; July 1, \$819,800; January 1, 1905, \$1,012,300.

### HAD RIGHT TO BUY DRINKS FOR EVIDENCE

#### Judge Smith Reaffirms Judgment of Lower Court in "Blind Pig" Case

Judge Smith yesterday in the superior court decided adversely to the appeal of W. S. McCartney, who was recently convicted in the recorder's court at Long Beach on the charge of having conducted a "blind pig."

An appeal was taken from the judgment of the lower court on the ground that no person is allowed to aid or abet persons in the violation of the law.

In this case it appears that City Marshal Conklin of Long Beach, in order to secure evidence against McCartney, furnished several of his deputies with money to buy drinks. In affirming the judgment of the lower court Judge Smith held that Conklin, in furnishing his deputies with "drink" money did not assist in maintaining the house.

### ORGANIZE MACCABEE TENT

#### Initial Lodge of Order Established in Los Angeles

A tent of the Modern Maccabees has been organized in Los Angeles, being the first in Los Angeles and the third in the state. The first regular stated meeting was held Monday night of this week at Brent's hall, 534½ South Spring street.

The tent starts off with a large membership which promises a rapid increase. The organization was perfected by Deputy Great Commander Dr. M. C. L. Kitchen, who was sent from the great commander's office in Michigan to take charge of the work in Southern California. The officers elected and installed in the new tent here are as follows: Past commander, Sir Knight Theodore Stevens; commander, Sir Knight M. A. Bronson; lieutenant commander, Sir Knight C. S. Barnes; record keeper, Sir Knight C. W. Bohnhoff; finance keeper, Sir Knight R. F. Simons; chaplain, Sir Knight Geo. S. Kling; physician, Sir Knight Grant G. Speer; sergeant, Sir Knight H. S. Hadwell; master-at-arms, Sir Knight A. K. Ishmael; 1st master of guard, Sir Knight Edward Page; 2d master of guard, Sir Knight Jerry H. Barnes; sentinel, Sir Knight Bert Dolbee; picket, Sir Knight John Zeller. The next meeting will be at Brent's hall Monday night, March 20.

### OFFICIALS STILL IN HARNESS

#### T. H. Goodman of the Southern Pacific One of the Old Guard

T. H. Goodman, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, is spending a few days in this part of the state seeking that efficacy that is said to lie around loose in Southern California for those who require physical repairment and surcease from unrelenting toil. It is a curious fact that the officers of the passenger department of the Southern Pacific have outlived those of all the other departments without as yet losing a man. In the executive department Stanford, Huntington, Hopkins, both the Crocker, W. E. Brown and Fred Crocker have all passed away. Sanderson, Breed, Haymond and all the original counsel are also dead; Towne, Cornell and all the others of the operating department are also gone, and all but Stubbs of the freight department. But T. H. Goodman, James Horschburg, R. A. Donaldson and H. R. Judah of the passenger department are all in harness and have been since the completion of the Central Pacific, thirty-five years ago. Mr. Goodman was a Union officer during the civil war and was brevetted for distinguished service upon many a field.

#### Piso's Cure for Consumption cures Coughs and Colds. By all druggists. 25c.

## DENIES OFFER TO SETTLE WAS MADE

### BELL CASE IS DELAYED BY VARIANCE IN PROOF

Judge Dillon Says Attorney Davis Had Not Offered to Pay Costs in Return for Clearing Petitioner's Name

A brief delay in the trial of the Bell case, wherein there is at stake a fortune amounting to \$300,000, and the good name of a woman, was caused by a variance between the proof and the pleadings, and it was not until late yesterday afternoon that the trial was renewed.

The attorneys in behalf of Mrs. Ella Bell Golder, who claims to be a daughter of the deceased by a former marriage, asked leave to file an amended complaint, for the purpose of proving that although the petitioner was born out of wedlock, she was subsequently recognized by the deceased as his lawful child, and therefore entitled to share in the distribution of the estate. After some discussion leave was granted, and the trial was postponed for several hours in order to allow the attorneys for the widow of the deceased to examine the allegations contained in the amended complaint.

At the opening of court yesterday morning, Judge Dillon declared before the court that Attorney Davis had never offered to pay the costs of the suit and release the estate, provided the defendant admitted the petitioner's legitimacy.

It had been reported in the newspapers that Attorney Davis had made this offer of settlement, and Judge Dillon emphatically denied the truth of the assertion.

"As a gentleman and a lawyer, I say that it is untrue," declared the attorney.

Attorney Davis made an effort to explain his position, but the court declined to hear the attorneys on any point which was clearly outside of the record, and the incident was closed.

The afternoon session of the court was taken up in the reading of depositions in the case, which date back in some instances for a long term of years.

It is probable that the taking of oral testimony will begin today.

### HUSBAND TOURS WORLD: WIFE GRANTED DIVORCE

#### Mrs. Myrtle Richardson Declares That She Was Ill Treated and Later Deserted

When her husband was attacked by the croup he started on a tour around the world on his bicycle and having heard nothing from him since his sudden departure, Mrs. Myrtle Richardson yesterday asked Judge Trask in the superior court for a divorce from Lee Richardson.

While Mrs. Richardson was putting forth her best effort to earn a living, her husband slumbered at home, she says, and in waking moments he amused himself by writing anonymous letters to his wife, which she was unable to explain.

Mrs. Richardson said her husband knocked her down and threatened to choke her. Mrs. Richardson's mother, it is said, admonished her son-in-law for his unbecoming behavior. What Mrs. Richardson's mother said to the young man may never be known, for so impressed was Richardson with the words that he mounted his bicycle for an extended tour of the world.

The divorce was granted.

#### Suits for Divorce

Divorce proceedings were commenced in the superior court yesterday by George B. Rice against his wife, Mrs. Dora N. Rice; Edward Simmons against his wife, Mrs. Melvina Simmons; Mrs. Louise E. Hull against her husband, William E. Hull, and James M. Miller against his wife, Mrs. Vivian B. Miller.

### STOLE SHOES GOES TO PRISON

#### Petty Theft Brings Serious Results Upon Offender

For having stolen an old pair of shoes, Steven Dawson was sentenced yesterday by Judge Smith in the superior court to serve one year in state's prison.

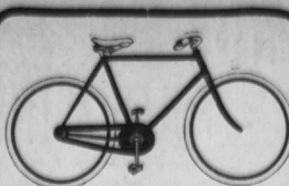
While the shoes were of little, if any, value, nevertheless Dawson pleaded "guilty" to the charge of petty larceny with a prior conviction.

For a similar offense, Dawson served two years at Folsom, and in spite of the influence brought to bear on the court it was absolutely imperative under his plea to send him back to prison.

According to the statement made by the attorney in the case it appears that Dawson has supported his prosecutor. Dawson desired to see his mother before he was again taken to prison, and Judge Smith withheld the commitment until Tuesday next.

#### Nothing to Fear

The question of injurious substances in medicines which has been agitating the minds of many people, does not concern those who use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mothers need have no hesitancy in continuing to give it to their little ones, as it contains absolutely nothing injurious. This remedy is not only perfectly safe to give small children, but is a medicine of great worth and merit. It has a world-wide reputation for its cures of coughs, colds and croup and can always be relied upon. For sale by all leading druggists.



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### BLIND MAN BUYS LODGING HOUSE; GETS PIG IN POKE

#### A. J. Preston Sues Former Owner of the Lindley for Two Thousand Dollars

Alleging that by reason of defection in his eyesight he was forced to purchase, figuratively speaking, a pig in a poke, A. J. Preston filed suit in the superior court yesterday against W. B. Creager for damages in the sum of \$2000, the sum alleged to have been paid for the furnishings in the Hotel Lindley on West Sixth street.

For many years Preston has been a resident of Arizona, but owing to partial blindness he was induced to come to Los Angeles for treatment.

The lodging house business was suggested to Preston by a zealous friend and in due time he visited W. B. Creager who formerly conducted the Hotel Lindley.

The plaintiff says Creager informed him that many of the rooms were occupied by physicians and surgeons, and that the house was generally filled with lodgers, and therefore on a firm financial basis.

He says that as they passed through the halls Creager would say, "the occupant of this room is employed through the day time and cannot be disturbed" and then they would pass on.

On the representations alleged to have been made Preston says that he paid the defendant \$1200 in cash; gave defendant a chattel mortgage for \$500 and in payment of the balance agreed to assume an outstanding mortgage of \$300 on the furniture.

His lodgers moved away, then the sheriff sold him out and now he charges Creager with having made false representations and he asks the court to award him damages in the sum of \$2000.

### SWINDLE CHARGED BY VICTIMS OF TIPSTER

#### Ten Per Cent a Week "Guaranteed" Investors by J. F. Smith

A swindle involving thousands of dollars belonging to servant girls and waitresses of Los Angeles was exposed yesterday when it was learned that J. F. Smith, an alleged race track promoter with rooms at the Ohio lodging house, had left his hotel without leaving any word in regard to the money entrusted to him, and disappeared from the city.

Smith arrived in Los Angeles several weeks ago and is said to have advertised in the papers for money, offering ten per cent interest a week and announcing that the money was to be played on tips at the race track with big dividends for the investors.

Jumping at a chance to get rich quick, it is said that hundreds of serving people of Los Angeles immediately began to leave their money without security and with only the hope of the ten per cent a week to spur them on. Yesterday it was learned that Smith had departed and a complaint was made to the police by a number of the people who allege he has swindled them.

### TIRED OF SAILOR LIFE, BOY LONGS FOR HOME

Clarence Walker, sixteen years old, when suddenly seized with a spirit of patriotism enlisted in the United States navy, and now the boy's father, J. M. Walker of Los Angeles, seeks to regain the custody of his son by a writ of habeas corpus.

According to the complaint filed in the case, upon which the writ was issued by Judge Wellborn in the United States district court, it appears young Walker enlisted in the navy at St. Louis, Mo., in October, 1904, and since that time he has been on an extended cruise around the world.

He is at present on board the "Bufalo" which is now anchored in San Diego harbor.



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### 12½c Curtain Swiss 9c

Fancy white lapet curtain swiss; yard wide; fancy stripes and dots; fine sheer quality; a material priced regularly at 12½c. Today, on the third floor, yard, 9c.

### \$2.50 Moquet Rugs \$1.98

Handsome new moquet rugs in rich floral and oriental designs; beautiful colorings; size 27x54 inches; rugs worth regularly \$2.50. Today, each, \$1.98.

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