

THE CITY

PLAN BIG BENEFIT FOR TOM OBERLE

WELL-KNOWN ACTOR MUST LEAVE STAGE

Doctors Decree That Belasco Favorite Must Return to Arizona Because of Poor Health—Interest in Testimonial Performance

Tom Oberle, the popular member of the Belasco theater stock company, whose doctors have decreed that he must abandon the stage, for some years at least, and go to Arizona, is to be the recipient of a monster testimonial benefit which the committee having the affair in charge aver will be the biggest theatrical benefit that has ever been held in the entire west.

The Tom Oberle benefit will be held at the Belasco theater on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 10.

The program, which as yet is not complete, already promises a rich feast of fine things, and one that will unquestionably prove an exceptionally diverting and meritorious entertainment, even when considered aside from the praiseworthy object. A full list of the artists who have volunteered their services will be printed in a few days.

One of the big features of the benefit will be an old fashioned minstrel first part, with the members of several of the theatrical organizations in the city occupying positions of prominence in the circle. A number of well known professional and business men of the city will also contribute mirth and melody to the occasion by blacking their faces with burnt cork and disclosing their talents as minstrels.

Another big feature of the program will be the reappearance of Lillian Burkhart in one of her best sketches. Miss Burkhart has secured the permission of Mr. Meyerfeld, president of the Orpheum circuit, to appear at the Oberle benefit. She will have the assistance of George W. Barnum and Richard Vivian of the Belasco theater stock company, which is ample guarantee that her contribution to the program will be a notable one.

Miss Burkhart was the first player to tender her services when she learned that Mr. Oberle was to be the recipient of a testimonial. The committee having charge of the benefit has decided to auction off the first choice of the boxes and loges as well as the most desirable of the orchestra seats. The auction sale of seats will occur Friday afternoon next at 3 o'clock at the Belasco theater. The auctioneers will be prominent actors and well known citizens of Los Angeles.

BOY SUSTAINS FIFTEEN WOUNDS IN HIGHWAY DUEL

FARMER RESENTS CHASTISEMENT OF HIS DOG

Henry C. Bollman Discharges Gun Toward Gus Van de Gorbort Near Burbank Sunday Night and is Arrested on Charge of Assault

Gus Van de Gorbort sustained fifteen gunshot wounds in the face and head in the duel between him and Henry C. Bollman on the Burbank road Sunday night.

Gorbort came to Los Angeles yesterday to attend the arraignment of Bollman on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon and told his story of the affair to the district attorney. He brought the hat which he wore on the night of the duel and it showed fifteen perforations, which he asserts were made by shot fired by Bollman.

"The trouble between Bollman and myself has been going on for some time," said the boy. "Not long ago he insisted that I do some errands for him, and when I refused he became angry. He has threatened me several times, and as I have to pass his house frequently, I have recently carried a revolver.

"Sunday night I was passing the place, driving a load of hay. I was walking beside the team when Bollman's big dog dashed out and leaped on me. I kicked the animal in the brisket and he went howling back to the house.

Shot in Face "Bollman's little son was playing in the yard and he ran to the house and told his father. The old man came out on the porch, bringing his shotgun with him. He pointed it at me and then I drew my revolver and I yelled: 'I'm ready for you, old man.' With that he fired and the pellets cut into my face and hat. I fired four shots at him, but missed.

"The physicians have left twelve shot in my face, many of which are resting against my skull. If these wounds do not heal I will have to undergo a number of operations to have the skull bone scraped." Bollman is in the county jail. He came to Los Angeles Monday morning to secure a warrant for the arrest of the boy, but upon information from Burbank, he was placed under arrest and the lad was sent for as a witness in the case.

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ATTORNEY RECOVERS MIND

Leo B. White is Released From Insane Ward and Charges Against Him Are Dismissed

By order of Judge Conrey in department 2 of the superior court yesterday Leo B. White, a member of the Los Angeles county bar, was released from the insane ward at the county hospital and sent to the home of his parents to recuperate.

The young man, according to the testimony of witnesses, met with an accident several months ago which caused mental derangement, and while in that condition is said to have forged a check.

White graduated from a law school several years ago. He went into the office of Walter Leeds and later took up active work with the Republican county central committee.

During a campaign argument in the last election White was assaulted by some member of a gang, struck on the head and kicked into the gutter, where he was found several hours later. Friends of the young man say that White never recovered from the shock of the blow.

Six months ago the young attorney left his home and relatives were unable to learn of his whereabouts until he was arrested four months later on a charge of having forged a check.

He was tried before the insanity commission and granted a reprieve of two months to give him an opportunity for recovery.

A message was sent yesterday morning from the county hospital that the young man had recovered from all mental affliction and would be released from the hospital on order of the judge.

Judge Conrey held a special session in the afternoon and ordered the release and dismissal of the charges against the young man.

DISCUSSES NAPOLEON FROM CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT

L. BRUNSWIG ADDRESSES NEW-MAN CLUB

Speaker Says Mainstay of France Today Will Be Those in Provinces Who Are True to the Church of Rome

"The Rise and Decline of the Napoleonic Era From a Catholic Standpoint," was the topic of the paper read last evening before the Newman club by L. Brunswig. It was "French" evening, the reader and those who discussed the paper being eminent French scholars. Among those who took part in the discussion were: Count Boszenta, G. Durnerin, Victor Ponet and Thomas Wall.

Mr. Brunswig's paper proved especially interesting at this time of religious persecution in France.

"We generally consider Napoleon in his latter days," said the speaker, "more as a persecutor of the sovereign pontiff at Rome, as autocrat and arbitrary despot. His religion has not been considered by historians; the conquering hero is usually the theme treated.

"There is no difficulty in proving Napoleon an atheist and unbeliever. While in Egypt he made it a point to participate in the orthodox rites at the mosques, and Egyptians, and in his campaigns in Catholic Italy, he never failed as commander of the republican troops (although at that time France was yet in a state of anarchy and religious unbelief) to participate in the church rituals and ceremonies.

"The fact remains that Napoleon was reared in the bosom of a devout Catholic family, his uncle, Abbe Pesch, becoming ultimately a cardinal (by grace of the pope and the will of his powerful nephew). From his mother he imbibed staunch religious principles.

"At the military school of Brienne, then a royal institution, religion was a necessary adjunct. Later, as an opportunist, he saw the evils of religious persecution during the 'terror.' His policy continued a protectorate of the clergy until his selfish motives led him to persecution of the holy see.

"In his dying hours, religion subdued the erstwhile conqueror who dies a penitent Christian after a life erratic, misguided and unfortunately unchecked at the proper time."

The speaker traced the downfall of the Corsican from the time he decided to divorce Josephine. He said that the mainstay of France today will be the thirty of the forty millions in the provinces, who are true to the faith of the church of Rome.

ADDS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

"Sixty-Foot Strip" on Fort Hill Will Be Annexed to the Present Site

An ordinance is now going through the usual course, whereby the tract of land known as the "sixty-foot strip" will be added to the grounds of the Los Angeles high school. The tract is a part of the old cemetery on Fort hill that has been abandoned for many years and now is being used as building lots.

This tract of land adjoins the high school and has been in dispute for several years, but all the difficulties have been amicably settled and the ground now is being graded and improved and will be added to the campus of the school.

As conditions now are the school grounds are entirely too small to accommodate the pupils, but this addition will almost double its area. It is expected that the ground will be used for field and track sports, and in the future, when the school board has secured the funds by a bond issue, upon this ground will be built an addition to the present structure.

HOT ON THE TRAIL OF "ORIGINAL M'ALEER MEN"

LATEST TO GO, IDENTIFICATION CLERK ANKER

Acting Chief Auble Prefers Charges Against Emergency Employee Before Board of Police Commissioners

"Original McAleer men" who hold municipal offices are not meeting with the consideration at the hands of the present administration that they think they deserve. Public Administrator McGarvin, who was secretary of the Republican central committee that elected Owen McAleer to the mayoralty, was recently dismissed, and yesterday Joseph A. Anker, who was assistant to Mr. McGarvin in the central committee, lost his place as identification clerk of the police department.

Anker was dismissed by the police commission at yesterday's session on recommendation of Acting Chief Auble who declared that he was not fitted for the place and would never make an efficient employe.

The action of the commission was not unexpected by Anker, who had been told that the city authorities were "after his job," as he expressed it, and the time would soon come when he would be dismissed. Acting on this understanding Anker says he had made three attempts to resign before the commission took such summary action, but on each attempt his resignation was refused.

He was appointed to the place last May, under the emergency clause, and according to his statement ex-Chief Hammel had declared that he was a competent employe and had once refused to accept his resignation. Anker says he had heard disquieting rumors to the effect that he was to be removed and about one week before Chief Hammel resigned Anker wrote out his resignation and handed it to the chief to turn in to the commission when he gave his own resignation.

"Mr. Hammel refused to accept my resignation," said Anker in talking about the proposition yesterday. "When I gave it to him he said: 'Oh, no; that's all right, you stay here and I think you'll make good, all right. You have done your duty well and I have no complaint to make against you.'"

"About a week after Mr. Hammel had given up his office," continued Anker, "he came to me and told me that they were after me and that I had better look out. I then went to Secretary McKeag and offered to resign if I was no longer wanted, and then I went to Mayor McAleer and told him that my resignation was ready at any time. He said, 'All right,' and I took it for granted that the question was at an end and there would be no further trouble.

"This morning Acting Chief Auble appeared before the board and told the members that I was untruthful and incompetent and asked for my dismissal. I have had no trouble with Mr. Auble and have scarcely had occasion to even speak to him since he has been in the chief's chair. I do not know on what he bases his charges of untruthfulness."

GLASS GETS SECOND BOOM

Petition Requesting Former Police Chief's Reappointment

Ex-Chief Glass, who seeks reappointment to the chieftanship of the police department, evidently has pinned his faith to petitions, for at yesterday's meeting of the police commission he presented a second petition, signed by business men of Los Angeles, asking that he be named as former Chief Hammel's successor. This petition bore a large number of signatures of business and professional men.

At a meeting of the commission two weeks ago, Mr. Glass presented a petition, signed by about 150 business men recommending him for the place. This petition was referred to a committee of the whole for consideration and will be taken up on the return of Commissioner Johnson, who is spending a few weeks in the east.

Whether or not Mr. Glass receives the appointment will probably depend upon Mayor McAleer's influence with the commission. Mr. McAleer has expressed himself as favoring the appointment of Paul Flammer, while Commissioner Johnson is openly in favor of Mr. Glass.

ROBBED DURING OPERATION

San Pedro Doctor Accuses Patient of Stealing \$53 Under Peculiar Circumstances

Charged with grand larceny, Miss Bessie Thomas, 17 years of age, was arraigned yesterday before Judge Smith in department one of the superior court, and her pleading set for next week.

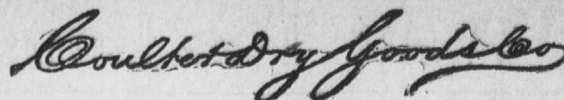
The young woman is being prosecuted by Dr. Blanche Bolton of San Pedro, who charges Miss Thomas with having taken \$53 from her. The theft is alleged to have been committed while an operation was being performed on Miss Thomas several weeks ago. The doctor was called from the room during the operation and she alleges the patient left the operating table and stole the money from a bureau drawer.

PERSONAL

O. B. Fuller of Betterania, Cal., is registered at the Hollenbeck. F. P. Hosp. of Riverside is staying at the Hollenbeck. He has charge of the floral displays along the entire route of the Santa Fe. Mr. Hosp is accompanied by his wife.

George W. Scott, vice president of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of San Francisco, is at the Westminster.

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LAY CORNERSTONE FOR NEW MASONIC TEMPLE

PROPOSED BUILDING WILL COST \$26,000

Grand Officers Assist Members of South Gate Lodge, F. & A. M., in Impressive Ceremonies at Site at Thirty-third and Main Streets

The corner stone of the South Gate Masonic temple at Thirty-third and Main streets was laid with imposing ceremonies yesterday afternoon.

A large crowd attended and the following program was rendered: Music; prayer by grand chaplain, Rev. B. C. Cory; singing, "Hail Masonry Divine," choir; presentation of trowel to Grand Master M. H. Flint by master of South Gate lodge, F. W. Dunn, requesting grand master to commence ceremonies; address by Grand Master M. H. Flint; music; song, "Place We Now the Corner Stone," choir; ceremony of laying the corner stone by M. H. Flint, E. T. Parke, F. C. Wolf and G. A. Hart; oration, R. L. Horton, grand orator.

The building will be erected by South Gate Masonic Hall association, which has a capital stock of \$50,000. The lot, which is 70x150 feet in size, was purchased about four months ago for \$9000. It will be 70x125 feet, two stories in height and will contain three stores on the first floor fronting on Main street. Entering from Thirty-third street will be a public hall at the rear of the stores. The second floor will contain a lodge room 40x65 feet, banquet hall 30x70 feet, with ante rooms and parlors.

South Gate lodge was organized in 1894 with forty members. The membership is now 300. The auxiliary chapter has 250 members. Following are the officers of the lodge: F. W. Dunn, master; J. W. Musselman, S. W.; J. W. Kemp, J. W.; F. H. White, secretary; W. H. Routahn, treasurer; K. L. Wilcox, S. D.; A. J. Prosser, J. D.; S. C. Austin, chaplain; R. W. Bailey, marshal; E. A. Messery and W. W. Tritt, stewards; I. O. Stine, Tyler.

ENTERTAIN FEARS OF MURDER

William Bowen Disappears While on His Way Home—Had \$200 in His Pockets

Theories of kidnapping and murder are advanced to explain the strange disappearance of William Bowen, proprietor of the Puritan saloon, 3475 East First street. Shortly before midnight Monday Bowen left for his rooms at 220 Franklin street and had over \$200 on his person. He vanished completely.

Bowen does not drink liquor, and when he left the saloon was alone. His hours are regular and when he did not appear at his home his wife notified the police of his strange absence. Bowen is about 40 years old.

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AFFLICTION CAUSES SUICIDE

William A. Fox Kills Himself Because He Believed He Was Becoming Blind

Despondency, caused by the knowledge that he was gradually becoming blind, is believed to have been the motive for the suicide of William A. Fox, found yesterday morning in the back yard of his home, 723 North Hill street, with a bullet hole through his head.

Fox was 64 years old. He was the founder of the Pacific Granite & Marble works, whose yards are located at 931 East First street.

When Fox killed himself is not known. He left no message to his family and for that and other reasons it is believed that the affair was not premeditated.

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