

## SAYS RAILROADS LOSE ON MAILED

UNCLE SAM'S POSTAL BUSINESS UNPROFITABLE

PRESIDENT OF SANTA FE EXPLAINS COST TO ROADS

Ripley Declares Expense of Car Mileage Exceeds Amount Paid for Use of Traveling Post-offices

[By Associated Press.]  
SANTA BARBARA, March 27.—E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe Railway company, tonight made a statement here in response to a published statement regarding the cost to the government of carrying the mails, which statement alleges that the railroads are charging the government extortionate rates. Mr. Ripley said:  
"The statement that the government pays \$12,000 a year for a car costing only \$8000 has been many times made, and as many contradicted. The fact is that the government pays \$12,000 a year for a postoffice on wheels, and for handling it probably 400 miles a day, with all its paraphernalia, including from three to five employees, which puts an entirely different aspect on the matter."  
"The saving to the railroads from reduction in car mileage if they were not obliged to furnish these traveling post-offices would be many times the amount paid for the use of the cars. It is easily capable of demonstration that the railroads are greatly underpaid for the services rendered the government."  
"The adoption of the parcels post idea would greatly increase the deficit of the department, and the inevitable result would be greater concentration of express business in the larger cities, and the consequent ruin of the country merchant for the benefit of the mail order business. The present deficit arises from extravagant management and the absurdly low rate on various descriptions of printed matter."

## COURT'S DECISION STRIKES AT EVIDENCE OF EVOLUTION

Interesting Case Involving "Missing Link" Is Decided in Chicago

CHICAGO, March 27.—Darwin's theory of the evolution of species has received a disconcerting blow in a decision by Judge Windes that a "missing link" exhibited at a local animal show, is a dumb imbecile Louisiana negro boy.  
The court has awarded his custody to the mother. The boy was called "Congo" at the show, and a graphic story was told of his capture at great risk in central Africa.  
Thousands of persons have stared at him as a "cannibal," "ape man," and "wild half-animal savage."  
In reality, he is declared to be, despite his grotesque face and head, docile and harmless. His name is Willie Wilson, and his mother declared he was kidnapped thirteen years ago.

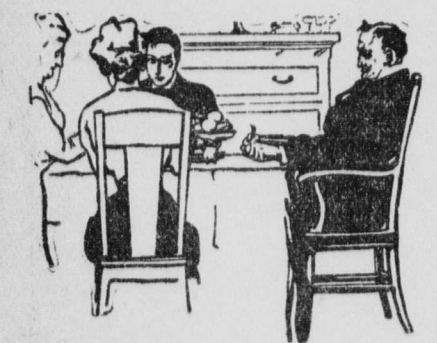
## COLLEGE STUDENTS IN TEXAS CUT OFF BEARD OF THEIR PROFESSOR

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 27.—Because L. A. Wiltsey, new instructor in the University of Texas, declined to shave off his long side whiskers he lost them last night. While walking home from the theater he was approached by twenty young men, supposedly students, who threw him in the grass and clipped his whiskers. Several expulsions are expected.

## The Harmony of Home

Does Not Mingle with or Emanate from the Table of Dyspepsia

In the home, meal time should awaken in all the inhabitants a peculiar harmony of joy which will make the home the abiding place of interest and happiness.  
If one member at the dinner table is out of sorts, his presence will fill the harmony is lacking. Conversation and mirth are absent. Devouring thoughts assail the diners and silence prevails.



"At the Dyspepsia's Table Ominous Quiet and Gloom Crowd Out Mirth."

All physicians agree that mirth and joy at meal time do much toward digestion. Mirth tingles the whole nervous organism of man, the cells wherein are stored valuable digestive juices, empty their contents under the nervous stimulation and promote the highest degree of digestion.

If gloom and discomfort prevail at table the reverse action obtains and meals become necessities, not anticipated joys.  
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are little storehouses of digestion which mix with the stomach juices, digest food, retingle the mucous membrane and its nerve centers, give to the food a great wealth of digestive fluids, promote digestion and stay by the stomach until all their duties are complete.

If dyspepsia sits at table it makes the dining room a place of awe; these tablets should be taken after meals and dyspepsia of a consequence flees.  
No need for diet or fasting. The dyspepsia who will use them religiously will find no sense of nausea in the sight of generous meals or in the odor of rich cooking.

It matters not what the condition of the stomach, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will improve the juices and bring quiet to the whole digestive canal, of which the stomach is the center.

Forty thousand physicians use these tablets in their practice, and every druggist sells them. Price 50c. Send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package by mail free. Address P. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

## HARRIMAN HAS DAY OF SPORT

WATCHES POLO GAME AND TALKS WITH FRIENDS

DECLARES HE WAS NEVER IN BETTER HEALTH

Railway Magnate Denounces Policy of Building Big Lodging Houses, and Discusses Much—Wanted Depots

BURLINGAME, Cal., March 27.—E. H. Harriman's special train left here tonight at 11 o'clock for the east via Nevada. There was a big farewell party at the station as the train pulled out.

Tramps Through Mud  
Harriman's special train, carrying the party that accompanied him on his two months' tour of the south and west, should reach the Atlantic coast within a week, if his present plans are not changed.

Apparently unconcerned with transportation and finance, Mr. Harriman spent the entire day at Burlingame, a few miles from San Francisco, and while the considerable of his time was taken up in consultations with officials of several roads, the greater part of the day was devoted to recreation. In the morning he tramped the muddy lanes that divide the country estates of the millionaire colony. In the afternoon he watched a polo match at the home of a friend, and to-night his entire party was entertained at a farewell dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crocker.

During his stay in the neighborhood of the Great Northern, who has been closely associated with the Harriman party during the past three days, it became known that in and about Portland, and it was announced that the problem of terminals in that city had been definitely settled after years of effort, and that the Harriman party had been held in abeyance improvements aggregating millions of dollars.

While the members of the party have seen a little of recreation since their arrival from the south, Mr. Harriman was disposed to criticize local business men because of the immense amounts invested in office buildings. On this subject the railroad builder did not spare New York or Chicago, saying:

"Before the first fire people lived in homes. Now the tendency is toward apartment houses and hotels—all towering structures. It has resulted in the wiping out of neighborhoods and districts as it has elsewhere. The skyscrapers in the business district result in congestion, while it leaves vacant corners that should be the sites of buildings of more modest height."

"Your office buildings should not be more than eight stories, and six would be better. New York and Chicago—especially New York—have been ruined by adhering to this policy of erecting twenty-story structures, and San Francisco should avoid this mistake."

When the subject of a union depot in San Francisco was revived by one of the newspaper men he spoke somewhat bitterly, advising that the people be educated to meet the Southern Pacific company half way, and adding:

"You cannot deny that there are many inconveniences of this magnitude we add to values in the neighborhood. But when we have announced our intention to buy or build there have been people who object to the way or try to hold us up."

"I am not prepared to say that we have in contemplation any new projects involving large expenditures, but the railroads will keep up with the procession."

Ignores the Game  
Although Mr. Harriman was so anxious to finish a polo match by the players who participated at San Diego that he offered a special cup, his attention was diverted from the field toward a large party of visiting railroad officials arrived at the club house.

While the ponies thundered up and down the grounds, Mr. Harriman remained in the center of a group composed of Louis Hill, H. C. Nutt of the Northern Pacific, L. C. Gilman, assistant to Mr. Hill, C. E. Carey, an attorney identified with the Pacific coast, E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Southern Pacific, Zere Snow of the O. R. & N., J. P. O'Brien of the same road, and E. R. Clark, president of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle line.

W. F. Herrin of the legal department of the Southern Pacific had previously visited Mr. Harriman in reference to Portland affairs, and Mr. Hill immediately confirmed the statement that all differences relating to terminals and kindred matters had been satisfactorily adjusted.

"There has been no war between the Harriman and Hill interests except when the large papers conducted imaginary hostilities," said Mr. Hill. "This matter was practically settled, and it required only this meeting to determine the details. From present indications there will be an immediate resumption of activity in Portland and vicinity consequent upon this arrangement."

Mr. Hill and his wife will go to Del Monte for a few days, his private car leaving Burlingame as part of the Harriman special.

BELIEVE HARRIMAN INTENDS TO FORM CONSULTING BOARD

NEW YORK, March 27.—Wall street and other prominent in railroad circles are inclined to accept as a fact the report from the Pacific coast that E. H. Harriman will form a special consulting board with a view to relieving himself of some of his vast duties.

It generally is accepted also that he will soon retire from the presidency of the Union and Southern Pacific roads. This, however, does not mean that Mr. Harriman would take any less interest in the activity of the systems.

James J. Hill resigned the presidency

## AMBASSADOR IS GIVEN WELCOME

BRITISH GREET JAMES BRYCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

BANQUET IS TENDERED VISITOR AT HOTEL

National Aids of Two Countries Mingle at Feast and Many Patriotic Toasts Are Exchanged

[By Associated Press.]  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—More than a hundred British residents of San Francisco and their invited guests paid honor to Ambassador James Bryce at a banquet given by them tonight in the big ball room of the Fairmont hotel.

The room was appropriately decorated with California poppies, amilies and British and American flags. The national aids of the two great English-speaking peoples were played during the dinner and toasts of an international patriotic nature were given. Before the company sat down to the table W. Greer Harrison, one of the oldest British residents of the city, presented to Ambassador Bryce the name of his countrymen living here a handsome illuminated address of welcome bound in white silk and containing these words of greeting:

"To the Right Hon. James Bryce, P. C., O. M., LL. D., D. C. L., D. Litt., F. R. S.:

"May it please your excellency—We, the British residents of San Francisco, bid you a most cordial, sincere and respectful welcome to the Pacific coast."

"We welcome not only King Edward's trusted and faithful representative whose work already has done so much to bind and strengthen the friendly relations between the two English-speaking nations, but also the distinguished scholar, author and statesman whose name is as famous in this as in the other hemisphere."

"In this as in the other hemisphere, his works and writings have made that name a household word in the United States as in Great Britain and in her dominions beyond the seas."

"May your stay among us be pleasant and may you bear hence none but happy recollections of this favored land discovered by Drake and developed by men of your own race, and may you and yours be blessed with health and happiness."

British Consul General Walter Rishley, Hearn proposed the toasts, "The President," "The King," and "His Majesty's Ambassador," to the last of which Mr. Bryce responded.

"California," was proposed by Dr. C. E. Buckley and was responded to by Governor James N. Gillett. United States Justice Morrow responded to the toast, "The Law in Relation to Diplomacy," which salute New San Francisco," was proposed by Hon. James McNab and answered by Mayor Taylor.

PRINCE ALEXANDER HELPS BROTHER: DECLINES THRONE

Second Son of Serbian Ruler Says He Will Not Accept the Crown

BELGRADE, March 27.—Prince Alexander, the second son of King Peter, is taking an active part in smoothing over the difficulties that have surrounded the crown prince, his brother George, since the latter's statement that he renounced all claim to the Serbian throne.

"I shall under no circumstances agree to take my brother's place. If he cannot be a good king, neither can I. I will stick to my career as a soldier and think. George must remain crown prince."

At a meeting of the cabinet today at which King Peter was present, the resignation of Prince George as crown prince was accepted. The subject will come up before the national assembly tomorrow, when it will probably be decided that Alexander will be proclaimed his successor.

TO TAKE OVER BUSINESS OF BIG OYSTER COMPANY

New Concern Will Assume All Debts and Assets of Defunct Fish Trust

CHICAGO, March 27.—Upon the arrival here today of P. A. Valentine, fresh from the conferences in New York, plans for the organization of a new company, which will take over the business of A. Booth & Co., including all debts and assets, were outlined.

Mr. Valentine is a heavy stockholder in the company, will, according to his plan, take \$1,000,000 from his own pocket, which will be distributed proportionately among 150,000 shares of \$100 each. The remaining 80 per cent of its claims will be satisfied with \$1,500,000 in first mortgage bonds of the new company and \$2,500,000 in common stock.

TO GIVE DINNER FOR RETIRING PRESIDENT

Prominent Men Will Attend Banquet in Honor of Charles W. Eliot of Harvard

WASHINGTON, March 27.—President Taft and many other prominent men in public life will attend a dinner to be given Tuesday evening by the Washington Harvard club. The occasion will be notable for the presence of Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard university, and his appearance will be somewhat in the nature of a farewell by the Harvard alumni in this city, in view of Dr. Eliot's resignation next May.

Others who will attend are Dr. Harvey Wiley, Senator Root, Senator C. W. Needham, Dr. C. V. Walcott, R. S. Woodward, Jerome D. Greene, Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale and Charles Francis Adams.

of the Great Northern, but continued to dominate the road more than ever. Mr. Harriman would, it is said, as chairman of the boards of the Union and Southern Pacific systems, be as actively identified as ever with the control of those properties, but would concern himself with broad questions of policy to the exclusion of matters of detail.

## AMUSEMENTS

Hamburger's MAJESTIC Theater  
Broadway, between 8th and 9th.

ALL WEEK—Matinee Wednesday  
THE DRAMATIC EVENT OF THE SEASON

JULES MURRY PRESENTS NORMAN LACKETT  
In Wm. C. DeMille and Margaret Turnbull's Great American Play

Same magnificent production that played one solid year at the Hudson theater, New York

The attitude of the Press throughout the country has been most interesting because wholly unusual. The New York Herald said: "Classmates" is well worth seeing if you get there in time to only witness the third act." This was echoed in all the daily papers and re-echoed in all the monthly magazines.

They Can't All Be Wrong, Can They?  
Regular Majestic prices—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. A few front rows \$1.50.

MOROSCO'S BURBANK THEATER  
LOS ANGELES' LEADING STOCK HOUSE  
ALL WEEK—MATINEE TODAY

Second and Last Big Week of ARIZONA  
Regular Burbank prices: 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c.  
Next week—The merry musical comedy, "GAY NEW YORK."

THE AUDITORIUM "THEATER BEAUTIFUL"  
THIRD BIG MONTH  
Matinee Wednesday 10c, 15c, 25c  
Matinee Saturday 10c, 15c, 25c

Commencing Tomorrow Evening, March 29, Mr. Crawford Presents the Sparkling Musical Play

Whim Wham  
A Comedy EFFERVESCENT and BUBBLING with HUMOR.  
COME, LAUGH and Be MERRY.

Pretty Girls Catchy Songs  
Beautiful Dancing

POPULAR AUDITORIUM PRICES, \$1, 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c, 15c, 10c  
In preparation—The great musical spectacular, Biblical play.

The City of Jerusalem  
A beautiful Holy and Easter Week attraction. More magnificent than "The Holy City."  
Seats now on sale.

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Who Play in Vaudeville  
Appear TWICE Every Day at the ORPHEUM.

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JWAN TSCHERNOFF'S IMRO FOX  
Unique Circus Troupe Comedy Conjuror.

NONETTE Vocalist and Violinist.  
GOLDSMITH & HOPPE Mirth and Melody.  
"At the Sound of the Gong," with Tom Soldier Wilson and 25.  
Nights—10c, 25c, 50c, 75c. Matinees daily—10c, 25c, 50c.

MASON OPERA HOUSE  
Week commencing April 5. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.  
Joseph Brooks Presents

LILLIAN RUSSELL  
In the Racing Comedy Success, WILDFIRE  
By George Broadhurst and George V. Hobart.  
Seat sale Thursday 9 a. m., April 1.  
Next attraction—Mme. Alla Nazimova in Repertoire.

AUDITORIUM "THEATER BEAUTIFUL"  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 2—3 O'CLOCK SHARP  
L. A. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
HARLEY HAMILTON, Director—L. E. BEHMEYER, Manager.

A Wagner Programme  
SEAT SALE AT BARTLETT MUSIC CO. Prices—50c, 75c and \$1.00.

BLANCHARD HALL  
Illustrated Travel-Lecture by OLA JOHANN SAERVOLD, B. A.  
If the wonderful fjords, magnificent mountains, varied scenery and grandeur of 150 NEW COLORED VIEWS, 3000 FEET OF NEW MOVING PICTURES.

FISCHER'S THEATER  
Week beginning Monday, March 29, the Fischer company in  
THE SIAMESE TWINS  
A musical comedy written by and produced under the direction of Charles Alphon.

A smile a second, a laugh a minute. Comedians of ability. Beauty chorus. Fischer's all-star cast in new roles. Musical specialties. Daily matinee and 2 shows nightly. Amateurs Friday. Prices 10c, 25c and 50c.

LOS ANGELES THEATER  
Wonderful Vaudeville  
EVERY DAY AND EVENING 10c, 20c, 30c.

COMMENCING Thursday Afternoon, April 1, 1909  
The picture marvel of the age, "THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS," on exhibition under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. For benefit of Shanghai Fund. Association building, 7th and Hope sts. Hours 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m. Admission 25c, children 15c.

LOS ANGELES RACING ASSOCIATION  
7 RACES EVERY WEEK DAY 7  
Rain or Shine  
Saturday, April 3—COLIN STAKES, \$1500 Added  
Five Furlongs

Santa Anita Park  
Pacific Electric and Southern Pacific Race Trains direct to grand stand.  
ROUND TRIP 25c ADMISSION \$1.00

## AMUSEMENTS

OLIVER MOROSCO. Lessee and Manager

Fourth Week of Uninterrupted Success

Another week of George Broadhurst's great play will commence tomorrow night. This additional week is given so that the thousands of disappointed theater-goers will have an opportunity to see the greatest play that has been produced in years.

Read This Enthusiastic Praise:  
"It is a better play than 'The Man of the Hour.'"—The Times.  
"The liveliest play of the times."—The Examiner.  
"A smashing good show."—The Herald.  
"So human that it ought to get the money."—The Express.  
"From beginning to end there were storms of applause."—The Record.  
"An incontestable success."—The News.

When every newspaper in Los Angeles praises "THE DOLLAR MARK" like this and when over 45,000 people endorse this opinion that "THE DOLLAR MARK" is the greatest play of the times, there must be something to it. THERE NEVER WAS A PLAY THAT COULD FOOL 45,000 PEOPLE AND KEEP A THEATER LIKE THE BELASCO CROWDED FOR FOUR SMASHING BIG WEEKS.

This is the last time you will ever have a chance to see "THE DOLLAR MARK" at the Belasco scale of popular prices. Wm. A. Brady will produce the play at the Savoy theater in September and it will be seen next in Los Angeles as a syndicate two dollar attraction—and even at that it will be worth the money, but given as it is, the Belasco and with the Belasco regular prices prevailing, "THE DOLLAR MARK" is just the biggest theatrical bargain that was ever offered to the theater-goers of any city.

Positively the Last Week of This Big Hit  
Prices—Every night 25c to 75c. Matinees today, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 25c to 50c.

NEXT WEEK—First appearance of Miss Florence Reed, the Belasco company's new leading lady, in Jerome K. Jerome's comedy success, "MISS HOBBS." Seats on sale tomorrow morning.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE  
SECOND BIG WEEK STARTS THIS AFTERNOON  
The biggest musical success that has ever been known in Los Angeles is the great production of Offenbach's famous opera.

The Tales of Hoffman  
This is the biggest success that has ever come to the Ferris Hartman company and the Grand opera house has been too small to accommodate the crowds that have demanded admission to see this beautiful opera. So many people have been disappointed that it is necessary to continue it.

For Another Week Commencing Today  
Every musical critic in this city has rapturously applauded this charming operatic production—its triumph is as overwhelming as it is complete. In noting that the Hartman company has ever been seen have the resources of this brilliant organization been so well displayed as in this fascinating opera, "THE TALES OF HOFFMAN."

Regular Grand opera house prices for this great opera. Every night 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c and 100c. Matinees TODAY and Saturday, 15c, 25c, 50c and 75c. PROFESSIONAL MATINEE TUESDAY, 10c and 25c. Every professional actor and actress in the city cordially invited to see this remarkable operatic production.

NEXT WEEK—George Ade's famous comic opera hit, "THE SULTAN OF SULL." Seats on sale tomorrow.

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Evening shows 7:30 and 9. Souvenir matinees Wednesday and Saturday. Extra matinee Sunday.

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All kinds of refreshments served. Admission free.

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Plenty seats. 15 miles an hour racing.

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Saturday and Sunday Excursion Rate \$2.00

Fifty miles of delightful travel from the orange groves to the SNOW CLAD Peaks. Take advantage of the low rate and make this beautiful trip while the winter phase lasts.

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