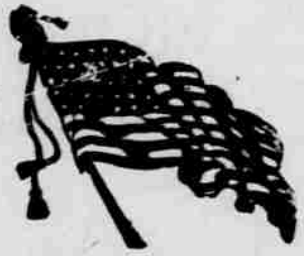


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A VIGOROUS MOVEMENT FOR A UNION DEPOT

The chamber of commerce at its meeting last night took action of the most vital importance to every business and property interest. The chamber put itself squarely on record as opposed to the further granting of railway trackage privileges in the heart of the city, and as being desirous of furthering, in every possible way, the establishment of joint terminal facilities.

During the discussion last night it was brought out quite decisively that the feeling that has been slowly simmering for a number of years has now come to a boil, and that the people are all ready to take a definite stand on the subject, about which there has been in the past a good deal of difference of opinion. The tone of moderation in the meeting was remarkable, and everyone was anxious to avoid leading the railroads to think that the action was taken in any spirit of antagonism.

Expression was given to the belief that the railroads would be obliged to build better depots in a very short time and that the Southern Pacific would be obliged to make its tracks perfectly safe, and not so unsightly as at present. Several members said that prompt action in this matter on the part of the people now would be a real kindness and money saver to the railroads as it would enable them to avoid trouble in the near future.

The committee appointed last night is an admirable one for the purpose. It is representative and competent to deal with the question. The committee has a most difficult job before it. And the work must be done quickly. The steel is ready to forge, and not a moment should be lost. There is every indication that all the railroads are ready and desirous to make a change. A feasible plan, properly presented to all the roads, with stout argument and good financial backing, would certainly receive the honest consideration of all the roads, and would probably bring about the desired end. The plan should be devised on a large scale. It should be laid out for the future. It should be conceived in a liberal spirit, and the financial inducements should be made most enticing. The railroads should not be asked to do it all. The enterprise is one of vital interest to every El Pasoan. A relief from the present

conditions means money in the pocket of every business man and every taxpayer in the city.

Tonight the committee will present formally to the city council the resolutions adopted last night. This ought to be enough of a deterrent to prevent the council from taking any action contrary to the spirit of the resolutions without fully consulting the public.

The calling of a public meeting at the earliest possible moment, to consult with the committee with a view to formulating some definite plan to be submitted to the railroads, might be a good idea. The Herald would like to hear from the people on the subject, and will be glad to print such communications.

The work of the committee will involve the perfection of a tentative plan for union terminals, and probably the submission of the plan, in person, by duly delegated representatives of the city, to the head officials of the various railroads.

The work will require breadth of view, foresight, accuracy of judgment, and diplomacy. The committee is equal to it, and the only thing now is to get to work at once and work fast.

ELECTION OF A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Last night's meeting of the chamber of commerce was a highly successful one. It was not large, but the members present evinced a degree of interest in the proceedings that has not been shown before. There was a business atmosphere about the meeting that was especially gratifying to all those who have worked hard through the year to advance the interests of the chamber.

The meeting demonstrated one thing admirably. That was the complete success of the new plan for electing directors. Figures will prove it. At the close of the meeting last night there were twenty-two members of the chamber present. Twelve of these would have been competent, under the old rules, to elect a new board of directors. But at the annual election under the ballot system, there were eighty-six votes cast; the highest number cast for any candidate was sixty-nine, while no director who was elected received less than forty-nine votes. Only once in the history of the chamber have as many as forty-nine members been present at a meeting, and that was when a matter of special and near interest to a large number was under discussion. It has proved impossible to get as many as that to attend an ordinary business meeting, but under the new system nearly half the membership took part in the election.

The result is gratifying. The new board is a progressive and forceful one, and there is reason to hope that the new year will mean growth and effective work on the part of the chamber, to an extent that has not been realized during the year just closed. The president's report shows a good deal accomplished, after all, but it cannot be denied that the too conservative element has been allowed too much swing in the board to permit the realization of the fullest possibilities of the organization. What the people want to see is Things Done. If the policy of the board is forceful and always progressive and in the lead of all public movements, the chamber will not lack for support from the public.

As an inaugural hint, The Herald may be pardoned for suggesting to the new board that nothing gives the public such a good impression of the faithfulness and ability of any director as a regular attendance at the meetings of the board. The responsibility the directors assume is great, and among the most important of all is the duty of self sacrifice in order to attend meetings, and attend them exactly at the hour set.

A BUSINESS MEN'S TICKET NOMINATED.

Look at that list of directors of the chamber of commerce. Why would that not make a first class board of aldermen for the city at the next election? The novelty of the thing would result in a big victory for this business men's ticket. And wouldn't it be a splendid thing if the city could be spared the rancor and loss of time and money that is inevitable from a hot political campaign? The Herald nominates eight of the directors of the chamber of commerce for a new board of aldermen. Mr. Courchesne is ineligible. The names of those nominated are U. S. Stewart, C. R. Morehead, S. J. Freudenthal, H. B. Stevens, Felix Martinez, W. G. Walz, B. F. Hammett, and E. Kohlberg. The citizens would probably agree to let these eight select the candidate for mayor, within or without their number.

Now is the winter of El Paso's discontent when the town flits up with a crowd of sick querulous consumptives

who realize all of the benefits of the town and have no word of gratitude therefor. The discontents who winter in El Paso have often no fine sense of courtesy to forbid their eternal carping, and El Paso simply has to endure them. El Paso has many advantages and attractions besides the superb climate. The society is good, exclusive but not inhospitable, reserved but not cold; the mountain peaks and skies make the scenery magnificent; the markets afford excellent, fresh, and appetizing foods; the shops are well and tastefully filled, and the public library keeps up with the best of the newest books. Life can be made very liveable in El Paso, granted a decent appreciation and some slight effort to make it so. El Paso is entirely unlike an eastern city, which unlike ours comprises at once her advantages and disadvantages, her inadequacies and her charm. Wholesale unlimited criticism of the place is to be more critic in the respect and good opinion of his fellowmen. A man who can find no good or charm in our city blazes himself a fool.

New England papers continually copy El Paso news from the Herald just because the life and ideas of the metropolis of the Great Southwest, the city of the pass, are vividly interesting.

There is a war in the rubber trade and the price of rubber is being cut way down to the ground to the great joy of rubber buyers. Such are the benefits of fierce competition.

The gum chewing center of the United States has been located as north and west of St. Louis, with Chicago as chief city and El Paso well out of the infected portion.

There is a widespread incredulity as to Aguinaldo's death. Like the emperor of China he has died too many times already.

The Mrs. Maybrick case, which was one of the unfortunate events of the old century, is being revived in the new.

The New Orleans Picayune says that the Omaha detectives have not had much to Pat Crowe over yet.

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THE LIBRARY TABLE

The New England magazine for January besides an interesting historical sketch, Reminiscences of Shays's Rebellion, and an illustrated account of the city of Worcester, its schools, universities, libraries and public men, contains two articles of particular interest to women—one on the Puritan and Dress Reform, the other Public Memorials to Women. The stern attitude of the Puritans towards any vanities of dress is explained by an account of the excesses of fashion and vanities in the latter part of the eighteenth century when wigs, powders, enamels, patches, ruffles, stays, feathers and perfumes were so preposterous that honest men cried out at the artificiality and extravagance of the day. The Puritans were masterful men and their day was an old fashioned one, so their decree against vanities and fashions held good with their women folk and the reform for a short while was carried to its extreme. The first lawmakers of Massachusetts set about to eradicate and prevent vanity in the new world by rigid laws, forbidding the use of silver, gold, and silk laces, girdles and hat bands also of all cut work and needle work, and also prohibiting slashes except one for each sleeve and one for the back. After two years, the law makers made another law, against lace and one against big sleeves, and in another few years gold and silver buttons and silken hoods and scarfs were legislated against. In spite of the earnest example however, vanity and fashions finally crept into the New England colonies and has waxed great up to and through our own days. The account of public memorials to women is particularly interesting. Pictures are given of the beautiful Taj Mahal, the most exquisite memorial temple that has ever been raised to honor a woman the loving thought of Shah Jehan in honor of his favorite wife. The portraits of Cleopatra carved upon the walls of a temple near Thebes told of and many memorials of queens and empresses are mentioned. There are pictures of the various Victoria statues in Canada and England and copies of the many Joan of Arc statues, some representing her as the warrior maid, others as the peasant girl. The lovely Queen Louise statue set

Sports and Sportsmen

The base ball boys who remained in the City of Mexico are still playing under the name of El Paso, having added to the team several old El Paso players. Widman is playing in the outfield with the reorganized team. They played their first game on Sunday but the score has not been learned. The boys who returned last Saturday are getting ready to report to their teams for spring practice.

It is not altogether improbable that El Paso will be the scene of several first class boxing matches next week as a well known sporting man today received work from a friend who is now in Hot Springs that he would be here to attend the Carnival and that he would be glad to go six rounds in a sparring match with some good man. The sports are taking hold of the matter and may arrange for several six round bouts to take place some place in the city. The Natorium roof garden is spoken of as a suitable place.

Arrangements are fast being completed for the coming foot ball game with the University of Texas during the Carnival. The boys are getting into better condition than they were for the other games played this season and will be able to put up the game of their lives when they meet the strong aggregation from the state university.

Although no direct word has been received from the Texas team for several days, people coming from Austin state that they are making arrangements to bring their strongest team here for the game and it will be a rare treat indeed to the citizens of El Paso as well as to the thousands of Carnival visitors to witness such a game as will be played.

The football boys were out last night again for practice and things are again looming up. The boys are training with a will and though they do not expect to defeat Texas they will make them play for every point they get. Brown is a great addition to the team and is another Gene Baird. He hits the line with wonderful force and is a sure tackler. And when it comes to goals from the field he has few equals anywhere. In a practice game not long since he dropped a goal from the forty-seven yard line; a feat that was only surpassed once in the history of football. Stephens will go up in the line and Bryan will be held ready to go in should one of the backs get injured. Rutherford will go in at half-back but his ankle is still weak and he will hardly be able to play the game out.

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