

# Today

The Great Pacific Coast. Where the Desert Rejoices. One Chance Hearst Missed. It's a Great Country. By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

This is Los Angeles, looking out from a window of the Ambassador hotel upon a city of which the beauty and growth multiply tenfold the wonders of Aladdin's lamp. Before you leave the railroad station, Los Angeles facts are poured into you. Twelve hundred thousand population, as shown by the school census. That's Los Angeles. The most important seaport in the United States next to the port of New York. That's also Los Angeles.

Have you any manufacturing industries of importance in Los Angeles?

Pain and amazement shine in Los Angeles' face. As well have asked Hart, Schaffner & Mark, "Do you make men's clothing?"

Have we any manufacturers? This is the sixth city in the United States in manufactures and we're only started.

Stretched across the side of a small mountain outside the city you see at night an electric sign, "Hollywood Land." They offer Los Angeles bargains there. You might perhaps get an acre for \$30,000. When men living here were boys, you could have bought that big hill and all the hills and mountains in sight for half of \$30,000. And if you had offered such a sum the owners would have insured your life lest you should die before completing the deal.

Is there a lull in the Los Angeles boom? Yes, a lull like that of a man catching his breath after a marathon race.

W. R. Hearst was born in this state, and rode around here on horseback with his father, Senator George Hearst, when a little "loose change" would have bought a million dollars worth of today's real estate.

Hearst has had his lessons in California land values, and he is buying now, doing his Los Angeles shopping early.

With the beginning of the year the rush to buy will start again.

The so-called "lull" is confined to subdivisions that are being laid out as part of the general plan for a city of six millions.

Don't laugh at the six millions proposition. This town will have a population of six millions, of ten millions and more. It is utterly impossible to exaggerate the future of California, or Florida, for they will draw, as a magnet draws a tack, those that have money enough to live where they please, and here, as in California, the cost of living is remarkably low, less than half the cost of decent comfort in New York state, for instance.

"The desert shall rejoice," said old Isaiah. He should have seen these "desert" plains and valleys when water is brought to them.

You come west through so-called "desert lands," mountains on either side, in the distance, yellow sandy looking soil stretching away to the mountains, a few cactus, and other plants that live without water, nothing else.

Suddenly on both side of the track appear magnificently beautiful orange groves and vineyards, mile after mile, the trees laden with fruit, the grapevine cut close to the ground to grow next year's fruit-bearing vines.

Between the rows of trees you see shallow ditches, a few inches deep. They mean irrigation.

The only difference between those groves and vineyards and the so-called "desert" just beyond is the difference of water and no water.

Water does for the land what knowledge does for the human mind. "Give light (knowledge) and the people will find their own way," said Dante.

Give water to these "desert lands," add to the water a few thousand of Dante's fellow countrymen from Italy, or other good workers, and these lands will produce anything you want.

The difference between water and no water included in one of W. R. Hearst's lessons in California real estate only a few years ago. His intimate friend, the late Guy Barham, knew, as did everybody, that water was to be brought into one of the "arid valleys" near Los Angeles. That valley then was divided into ranches of 20,000 and 30,000 acres. Barham said: "We ought to buy one of those ranches, W. R. When the water gets in they will be valuable, cut up into small farms. We can buy 20,000 acres for about \$40 an acre, even now with the water coming in." But Hearst thought it was hardly worth while to buy and "wait a long time."

One year after the water came in the big ranches had been divided into farms. Go there now and you pay \$3,500 for a good corner lot. No more ranches, no more farms, but real estate by the foot, not by the thousand acres.

When the flying machine comes, as it will, in a few years, and people from the east fly to California as easily and quickly as they now go from New York to Washington or Newport, this country will be known to all. Meanwhile, fortunate the man who gets in ahead of the others, anywhere from San Diego on the south to Seattle to the north.

Here you cannot go wrong, whether you select the warmth of San Diego, the mild winter climate of Los Angeles, the bracing air, intense business energy, beautiful mountains covered with live oaks in the San Francisco region, destined in this writer's judgment to have the greatest port on this continent. That will come when the Pacific eclipses the Atlantic, as the Atlantic eclipsed the Mediterranean after 1492.

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## Mayor and His Citizens of Bennington Drawn Into Court by Neighbors' Feud

### Defendant Claims His Refusal to Allow Plaintiff's Husband to Shave Him Started Row; Coal Shovel Figures When Words Change to Blows.

A neighborhood feud was thrashed out Tuesday in county court, which finally dismissed the charge against Jinks Bair, deputy agent of the metropolis of Bennington, Neb.

Even the mayor of the little city, Gus Bunz, appeared to testify to the peaceful character of the Bennington trunk smasher.

"I wouldn't let her husband shave me. That's the cause of all this trouble," Jinks assured Judge Crawford.

"Her" is Mrs. Lyman Momeny, whose husband operates a barber shop at Bennington.

Because he wouldn't patronize the shop, declares Jinks, Mrs. Momeny counseled his wife to sue him for divorce. The suit is now pending trial.

The Argument Starts. Last week Jinks encountered Mrs. Momeny in an ice cream parlor that adjoins her husband's barber shop.

"What do you mean by telling everyone that I'm tubercular?" demanded Mrs. Momeny.

"What d'ya mean by telling the

telegraph operator that I was trying to get his job?" countered Jinks.

Thereupon Mrs. Momeny is alleged to have grabbed up a coal shovel and attempted to hammer down the ears of the deputy agent. Jinks wrested the shovel from her, he claims, but Mrs. Momeny declares that he held her against the wall and hammered her jaw.

And the Judge Decides. After the pair had been separated and the crowd dispersed, however, Mrs. Momeny and her husband are alleged to have started to "clean up" on Jinks.

Jinks, being Irish, lost his temper, he claims, and beat the wife husband to a finish. Then Mrs. Momeny filed charges against him, claiming that he had assaulted her, according to her attorney, Bud Nolan.

Judge Crawford found that there was not enough evidence to convict Jinks for life and he dismissed the case.

## POLICE PLANNING CHRISTMAS TREE

Members of the police department are already beginning preparations for the Christmas tree celebration which is held every Christmas at the police station for the benefit of poor children of the city.

Arrangements this year are in charge of "Mother" Gibbons, matron of the city jail, and Sergeants Rose and Jensen. Merchants are being solicited for contributions of candy, nuts and other presents for the children. Mrs. Gibbons is making small stockings to hold the gifts.

## Mahaffey to Pay Pen.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Sturgis, S. D., Dec. 9.—John Mahaffey was given an indeterminate sentence by Judge McNenny in circuit court here of from two to four years in state penitentiary. Mahaffey was tried and convicted of shooting and killing Albert Campbell near Marcus, Meade county, in June.

## Mooseheart Elects.

The Women of Mooseheart held their annual installation of officers at a meeting Tuesday evening at Moose temple, 117-1/2 North Sixteenth street. Miss Harriet Abraham, violinist, played several numbers.

## Postal Workers Plan to Speed Up Christmas Mail

### Schedules for Shipping Parcels Given; Branch Offices Open at Night After December 17.

Handling of Christmas mail in the Omaha postoffice will be speeded up through the use of precanceled stamps, Postmaster Charles E. Black announced Tuesday. The canceled stamps will be placed on the packages by mail clerks as the packages are weighed and deposited.

Black believes this plan will relieve much of the congestion in the corridors of the postoffice. The postmaster announced that substations will be open until 8 p. m., except the Stockyards station, from December 17 to 24. These stations are as follows:

Twenty-fourth and Ames, Twenty-fourth and Ohio, Twenty-ninth and Leavenworth, 4650 Military, 1601 Underwood, 1626 Vinson, Fortieth and Cornum, 3714 North Thirtieth, Eleventh and Harney, Thompson-Belmont company, Twenty-fourth and M. Livestock exchange, Burgess-Nash company, Thomas Kipatrick company, J. L. Brandeis & Sons.

Black issued the following schedule showing the latest dates on which parcels may be mailed in Omaha for delivery in the territory indicated:

Wednesday, December 17, for states of California, Oregon, Washington, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island. Thursday, December 18, for states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia. Friday, December 19, for states of Arizona, Delaware, District of Columbia, Idaho, Maryland, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Utah. Saturday, December 20, for states of Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Monday, December 22, for states of Nebraska and Iowa. Tuesday, December 23, for Omaha and Council Bluffs local delivery. Wednesday, December 24, for Omaha and Council Bluffs special delivery mail. Thursday, December 25, no delivery of ordinary mail after 11 a. m.

## COMIC OPERA AT CENTRAL HIGH

"Chimes of Normandy," a comic opera by Klanquett, will be presented by the Central High school senior glee clubs in the school auditorium Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening.

## Rites for P. T. Singles.

Perry T. Singles, 30, formerly of Omaha, who was killed Saturday when his shotgun accidentally discharged, was buried Tuesday in Dayton, O. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Singles, 1301 South Thirty-first street, and a brother, Thomas, attended the services.

## TWO PILLBOXES ARE ABANDONED

Pillbox stations at Fortieth and Farnam streets and Twenty-second and Lake streets have been only temporarily abandoned, a subcommittee of the municipal affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce reported Tuesday. The committee found that the officers had been quartered in business buildings and were compelled to leave when the owners of the buildings required the space for their own purposes. Stations for the men will be built when the department obtains sufficient funds, the committee reported.

# Give Furniture for Christmas

# An Advertisement Intended to Serve as "the Yard Stick" or BUYERS' GUIDE to Economical Selection of Fuel

Fuels should be thought of in about the same fashion, as to classes, as are automobiles; in fuels you have those of the Ford class and those of the Pierce-Arrow class and others in between; this advertisement is intended to show you just how to class fuels, to give their purposes, so that you can make your selection in the same intelligent way that you do your automobile.

Goddard Fuel Company believes it its duty to give the people of Omaha the full value of its fuel knowledge and to handle the better kinds of fuels in each of the classifications of good fuel . . . for with this better service it becomes the servant of all the people, instead of the few.

## Whatever Your Favorite Radio Set May Be You Can Have it in a Victrola

We feature the Victrola No. 210. With 5-Tube Neutrodyne Panel Installed Complete in Your Home

# \$265



Victrola Special No. 215 With 5-Tube Neutrodyne—Installed Complete **\$315**

Sold on Our Time Payment Plan **Ed. Patton Music Co.** 16th and Farnam Ja. 4779 Headquarters for Radio Equipped Victrolas

Dizzy? Sick? You're Bilious! Take a Laxative!

Headachy? Breath Bad? Stomach Sour? Clean the Bowels!

# Cascarets

10¢

THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

For Constipation, Biliousness, Headache

### Petroleum Carbon

The "Ace" of All Economical Fuels

Goddard's Petroleum Carbon is the "Standard" Carbon on the market, it is ashless, sootless, smokeless, clean to handle and produces by far the most heat per ton possible to buy.

**PER TON \$16.00**

### HANNA COAL

Omaha's Cleanest Soft Coal

It comes from the famous Hanna Wyoming coal fields. The distinct difference between Hanna Coal and Illinois soft coal is that Hanna Coal is so much cleaner, it starts fire readily, holds fire, is low in ash and gives the man who appreciates good fuel the utmost in satisfaction.

**PER TON \$11.50**

### SEMI-ANTHRACITE

This smokeless and sootless fuel is high in heat units. Tests show that it contains four per cent ash, or approximately seventy-five pounds to the ton. Three Star is a strictly forked coal. It has all the advantages of semi-anthracite fuel.

**PER TON \$14.00**

### K-A-T-Y Soft

is the premier of Illinois soft coals, and to those who want a good, low-priced soft coal, K-T cannot be beat. It is easy to start, contains less ash than most Illinois fuels, is free from clinkers and will outlast most any other Illinois coal.

**PER TON \$10.50**

### GENUINE RADIANT SEMI-ANTHRACITE

We carry this popular grade of coal in three sizes—lump, mine run and slack. This permits us to serve all types of Radiant users. Radiant is a smokeless, sootless, strong coking and long lasting fuel. It is very high in heat units, holds fire forty-eight hours, is low in ash and can be depended upon to deliver fuel economy.

LUMP SIZE—per ton . . . . **\$13.50**  
 MINE RUN—per ton . . . . **\$12.50**  
 RADIANT SLACK—per ton . . . . **\$8.50**

Fuel Satisfaction comes first in heat units, cleanliness and low ash, then next to increase the value is its smokeless and sootless qualities. Petroleum Carbon offers all of these, semi-anthracite is cleaner than soft coals and Hanna Coal is the cleanest of all soft coals. By this guide you can select your fuel with a more comprehensive understanding of fuel values.

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