

WILL J. DAVIS ON NEW TRAIN

Manager of Illinois Theater Gives Impression Gained from Los Angeles Limited.

NEW SERVICE WINNER WITH PUBLIC

Country Traversed Rich in Natural Resources, Abounding in Possibilities No One Can Accurately Estimate.

Will J. Davis, manager of the Illinois theater of Chicago, who was one of the guests on the initial trip of the Los Angeles Limited train, writes this letter, giving his impressions:

"The new passenger train service between Chicago and Los Angeles recently instituted by the Chicago & Northwestern, the Union Pacific and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, and the Pacific Coast, is a masterpiece of engineering and management. It has achieved immediate popularity with pleasure and health-seeking travel from all parts of the east that are, by reason of location, sure to send passenger traffic by way of Chicago to California.

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Mellin's Food advertisement for babies, highlighting its nutritional benefits and ease of digestion.

tion of the train, in addition to the regular service, and in spite of this rather more than usual train weight the time was easily made. In fact it was throughly demonstrated that the running time might be materially reduced.

"Upon arriving in Los Angeles the visitors were overwhelmed with invitations and hospitality, which included excursions to many of the principal surrounding towns and haunts of the resorts, clubs and notable tourist hotels. On all these occasions the Pacific Electric Railway company were pleased to place at the disposal of the guests a sumptuously appointed private car, which was switched from one to another of its branches, thus enabling in the course of the day the visitors to view many of the most interesting features of the city.

"The entire party was driven about the streets of Pasadena in automobiles during the afternoon of the day of the visit to Baldwin's ranch. This is certainly the most elegant of all residence towns in the vicinity of Los Angeles, and among other features shown the party was a splendid residence property which rumor said had been sold that day to representatives of John D. Rockefeller, who contemplates making Pasadena his winter home.

"Another feature in this vicinity is Caverton's orchard farm, where this bird of glorious plumage may be seen in age from 3 to 5 years, and from the size of a quail up to the full-fledged specimen six feet or more high. Another day was spent at the seashore towns, Long Beach, Venice, San Pedro. An attempt to visit Catalina Island was frustrated by a north-easterly gale, which made it impossible for the boat in service to make landing at the island, though the party was enabled to get sufficiently near to realize that our most delightful sea resorts in the west has been established at this spot.

"A banquet that might be particularized was one extended by the press club of Los Angeles to the visiting members of the guild, and which took place in the club rooms of the Jonathan club, one of the leading organizations of its character in Los Angeles. It is doubtful if there is another such magnificent club house in America, if in the world. It was built by the late Senator, Mr. Huntington, who is president of the club. In this same building is the central station for the suburban traffic lines of its electric railway system, and the entire building, including the club rooms, must be more a work of pride than profit with its proprietor.

"From a historical point of view a visit to San Gabriel mission proved of greater interest to the party than any other feature of the visit, which, confined as it was to three days, was necessarily made brief at each and every point of interest. At San Gabriel, which is one of the missions established about 1775, the missionaries of the early missionaries in California by a most affable and well informed priest, who also showed many relics of the early days, all of which were regarded with the greatest interest. These missions were scattered over the coast of California from San Diego to San Francisco, from the most part not far removed from the ocean beach. This stretch of country is destined to be the Riviera of the western world, and when one reads of the hospitality, refinement and vicissitudes which characterized the monks who established the missions he is moved to compare life on this coast at that time with that of the present day. Beginning with the mission at San Diego, the monks established some ten or twelve up the coast as far as San Francisco, placing them about a day's ride apart, traveling on mule or on the Mexican broncho. The most notable of these missions are at San Diego, San Juan Capistrano, San Gabriel (the one visited by this party), San Buen Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Miguel, San Mateo, Los del Monterey, San Luis Obispo, San Carlos and San Francisco. When the traveler of this early day reached one of these missions, which were the only hostelries on the coast, he was received with open arms, the best the fathers could lay before him were the beds of the mission, the most comfortable beds of the mission were at his disposal. Every comfort was exacted from him. If he was sick he was cared for and nursed. Leaving, if he chose to give money to the monks for the benefit of their mission, it was received thankfully.

"If the traveler was without money, his blessing followed his departure. That was the latter part of the eighteenth century. In the beginning of the twentieth century, a little more than 100 years after the time of the missionary fathers, what does the traveler behold? At stated intervals he finds magnificent hotels, with every modern convenience, vying in every particular with the most elegant and most expensive in the world. Not a day's ride apart, to be sure, the advantages of modern travel both steam and electric, but sufficiently far apart and surrounded with such interesting attractions as to induce the traveler to stop and seek shelter for the night or longer. How different the welcome in contrast with that extended to the traveler by the holy fathers. He is ushered by the bery of porters into the office of the magnificent hostler. He registers and he seeks quarters for himself and family. He is shown into the most luxurious of apartments. He has the most careful attention bestowed upon him by the host and all of it if indeed he decides to take his departure, as soon as that, or in fact, whenever he decides to leave, he is handed a bill for his entertainment, which, while not so modest as the sums given the monks of the old missions, is yet more reasonable than the amounts continue from the Coronado in San Diego, to the world-famous Palace Hotel in San Francisco, and between every notable route too numerous to mention.

McCAGUE IS MADE PRESIDENT

School Board Reorganizes for the Coming Year's Work.

PROCEEDINGS MARKED BY UNANIMITY

Incoming Members Take Oath, Elect Officers, Adopt Rules and Transact Some Minor Routine Business.

The Board of Education met Monday evening for closing up the business of the old board and the organization of the new. The oath of office was administered to the incoming members, who were George D. Rice, A. C. Kennedy, David Cole, W. H. Christie, Charles Harding and J. O. Detweiler, all of whom succeeded themselves except Mr. Kennedy, who succeeds W. H. Rice.

The board was called to order by retiring President Christie, who announced as the first order of business that of the election of officers of the new board for the ensuing year. The election resulted in the choice of John L. McCague as president, who received eleven votes to one for Mr. Rice. On motion of Mr. Rice, Mr. McCague's election was made unanimous.

On the informal ballot for vice president, George D. Rice received 6 votes, Dr. Vance 5 votes and Mr. Phillip 1 vote. Dr. Vance withdrew, as did Mr. Phillip, whereupon Mr. Rice was made the unanimous choice for vice president. Mr. McCague was elected to the chair by the retiring president, Dr. Christie, said:

In accepting the duties of this office I feel that I am entering upon a very responsible and important position. It brings with it a large amount of responsibility and I know that the gentlemen of the board will assist me in the discharge of these responsible duties. I am able to serve the public, and especially to the school children of this city. If the board members will cooperate with me in the discharge of their duties with unrighteousness there will come to us a credit which will be a gratification to me. I know that the school board is a body of men who are interested in the welfare of the city and I know that they will do their duty to the best of their ability. There is much work before us for the coming year, and I feel that I am entering upon a very responsible and important position. It brings with it a large amount of responsibility and I know that the gentlemen of the board will assist me in the discharge of these responsible duties.

Under the old Rules. A motion was made by Mr. Rice, governing the proceedings of the board for the ensuing year. The resignation of Francis L. Otis as janitor of the Franklin school on account of ill health was accepted and George H. Hall was appointed to the vacancy to serve at the pleasure of the board. A communication was read from Commission J. R. McVana of the Commercial club stating that the State Photographers' association would meet in Omaha May 30 and permission was asked for the use of the school building for the convention. The request was granted.

Treasury Muddle Comes Up. The matter of the bond of R. O. Fink in the sum of \$20,000, and a letter from Treasurer A. H. Hennings relative to the school board in his possession were referred to the finance and judiciary committee. The matter of the status of the board in relation to the pending litigation in the supreme court regarding the city charter was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Detweiler, Koenig and Baird. Mr. Detweiler moved that when the finance committee is appointed that it bring in a recommendation as to the levy to be required for school purposes for the ensuing fiscal year, the same to be submitted at the next regular meeting of the board. The motion was adopted. Chairman McCague announced that the appointment of the regular standing committees would be made in the near future.

OUR LETTER BOX

Spirit of the Reunion. OMAHA, Jan. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly give place in your valuable newspaper to the opinion of one of your humble citizens in relation to the gathering of citizens who made Omaha their home in early days? I cannot claim daylight arrival, yet I am trucking along in my 36th year among the throng which I met last evening at the Omaha club, where the old settlers of Omaha were invited by authorized invitation of the proprietors. Mr. Editor, it was a laudable effort, inspired by the spirit of men of no mean or cramped ideas. It redounds heavily to Omaha, and, moreover, to the body and soul of the men who originated it and stood by it as supervisors until its close. The older I personally know, and standing the age of both men and women in their laborious strain of three hours of standing reception, they were uniformly all jolly smiles, continuously greeting with joyous face and expression Happy New Year, Mr. Editor, let me get to the point of my aim and desire of acknowledgments, which is this: If there is human kindness and felicity of spirit among a Christian people, it was displayed on this occasion. I met in this gathering of about 2,000 people, aged from 18 to 80 years, the majority of whom I personally know, and my conclusion is this, that it was an illustration in a small way, figuratively speaking, as to how we should be glowingly combined as one family of children in and under God our Father. This gathering of Omaha people cannot pass away without our reverently remembering the names of those who were here, but more especially do we owe our acknowledgments to God our Father.

Mark here, this was a gathering composed of very many different denominations, therefore the tendency shows how lovely it is to be under the roof of our Father's house. May God bless the institutions, their progeny and all others to this practice and purpose of felicitation as time rolls on to eternity. It was supremely an elegant affair. Yours truly, P. R. SULLIVAN, 323 Burt Street, Omaha.

If the firms from which you buy your goods, Mr. Business Man, know how Omaha is growing, wouldn't it help your standing? Send each a copy of the New Year Jubilee Edition of The Bee. It will help you—it will help Omaha.

Ed P. Smith out for mayor. Democratic Lawyer Said to Have Agreed to Run for the Office. The announcement that Ed P. Smith would tell what he would do if he were mayor at the Jackson club banquet January 3 set inquiry going as to whether or not Mr. Smith had decided to come out in the open in his campaign for the democratic nomination for mayor. Mr. Smith was not in the city today, having gone to Lincoln on business matters, but his friends said he had been telling any one who asked recently that he is a bona fide candidate for the position.

Local Brevities. Because he viciously assaulted W. H. Pierson, saloon man at 124 Douglas street when Pierson refused him a glass of beer, the defendant was held for five days by Police Judge Tuesday morning. Justice Kennedy has filed an order directing the city treasurer of South Omaha to check a raise of \$10,000 placed on the tax return of the Cattle Feeders' Loan company by the Board of Review. The court holds the raise was unlawfully made. Forty days was the sentence imposed on Harry Thomas, colored, when he was arrested in police court on the charge of assaulting Tommie Smith, a negro, on the street. The trouble between Thomas and the negro started over 25 cents' grade story.

Franklin B. Hort has brought suit in the district court to recover of Gertrude Caden and Andrew B. Somers, physicians, a sum of \$100. Plaintiff alleges that it was through their negligence that the eye of defendant that his wife died in childbirth in October last. C. D. Felker of South Omaha was arraigned before Police Judge Berka Tuesday morning on the charge of having passed a forged check for \$50 on Charles Storz of Twenty-fourth and Clark streets. The prisoner waived and was bound over, the charge being placed at \$1,000. To accommodate the young college people of the city who are about to return to school after their vacation, Manager Gillis opened the Auditorium for skating Tuesday morning. Between fifty and six young men availed themselves of the opportunity. The house will be open Wednesday morning also. County Attorney Blalough announces that he will not call up the robbery case against Pat Crowe until the second or third day of the February term. At the close of the first case against Crowe it was the intention to bring him to trial on the robbery case early this month, but circumstances have arisen to change this plan. Tom Jones, arrested a week ago on a charge of cutting with intent to wound and kill George Stoney, Jr., waived preliminary examination when arraigned in police court Tuesday morning. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$1,000. Stoney was assailed on North Sixteenth street at an early hour of the morning. The assault being without provocation, it was reported. Herman Baumer of Benson and Paul Baumer of Bennington have filed their voluntary petitions in bankruptcy in the United States district court. The former fixes his liabilities at \$1,500 and assets at \$2, while the latter fixes his liabilities at \$2,000 and his assets at \$600. Both are farmers and their financial misfortunes are attributed to the unusually successful season with a threshing machine. Peter Debus has brought suit in the United States circuit court against Armour & Co. for \$10,000 damages and costs of suit for personal injuries received while in the employ of Debus as a packer. The injuries were sustained while packing for the defendants in South Omaha, a distance of thirty-five feet, whereby his arm was broken and hip joint dislocated.

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