

WILL J. DAVIS ON NEW TRAIN

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

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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:

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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 visitor 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, about the time 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, and 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 being a table of the most comfortable and simple fare. The most comfortable of the mission was that of San Gabriel. 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 house, 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, but 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 indeed he receives 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 charged elsewhere. And these hostleries continue from the Coronado in San Diego, to the world-famous Palace Hotel in San Francisco, and between every link along the route too numerous to mention.

"Cosmopolitan Los Angeles. A feature of Los Angeles, considered as a city, is its cosmopolitan population. Not only is it a city of the world, so much as of the western continent, but it is a city of the world in the union that is not represented, and largely represented, in the population of Los Angeles. There are Mexicans and South Americans galore and a considerable sprinkling from England, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. These latter mostly engage in agriculture and the making of wine. A Switzer in the streets of Los Angeles will reveal the fact that has long been known, that it is fast becoming a community of trunks and 3/16's.

"One needs but to study the physiognomy to assure himself that this is the heaven for the theosophist, the Buddhist and a number of cults not yet old enough to have a name. There is also a great element of idle people, who will not work, and who gather frequently and protest that too many Japanese are coming to this country, and that Chinese labor is frequently smuggled over the Mexican border. A citizen of Los Angeles, pointing out to the writer a bench on which sat six tough-looking specimens of humanity, remarked: 'There is a type that is the curse of this town. They will not work so long as they can hold up some one at night and steal a purse, and they are unable to get enough help to pick their oranges.'

"A brief visit to Acot park, where seven or eight running races are pulled off each day, to the undoubted delation of the gambling fraternity, revealed the fact that very much the same looking lot of people patronize this class of sport in Los Angeles that may be found in any of the cities in the eastern cities. There is a united effort being made by the newspapers of the city to do away with this species of gambling, and at a recent democratic banquet in the Angelus hotel ex-Mayor Carter Harrison, who was a guest, told how he broke up race track gambling in Chicago. It is more than likely that a crusade will soon be made upon the running horsemen in Los Angeles, in which even it is stated they will retire to Baldwin's ranch, where that gentleman has maintained an excellent mile track for many years.

"Forestry of the Valley. One thing that strikes the visitor to Los Angeles—that is a visitor like the writer, who was familiar with this valley, as said before, nearly thirty years ago—is the fact that small effort seems to have been made in the matter of forestry. Eucalyptus, transplanted from Australia to California, is the principal tree, and it to be seen everywhere. The Lombardy poplar is also prevalent, but is a tree that reaches its best development in a few years, and then becomes anything but handsome. The live oak is a native and there are some magnificent specimens, but no effort appears to have been made to propagate it. Whether hardwood trees of the forest of America can be made to grow successfully in this part of California, the writer was unable to learn from any person with whom he talked, but it would seem as though the effort should be made to introduce the maple, the ash, the hickory, the hickory, the walnut and the butternut.

"Since the settlement of this valley the introduction of water has made a complete change and it is believed that the introduction of water on the plains which lie between Los Angeles and Cheyenne would work just as well as it has done in the last twenty-five years has brought about in this portion of California. As one rides across the vast stretches covered with sage brush and scrub cedar he cannot help but think that if the government of the United States would be as paternal to the agricultural interests of the country in all branches as it is to the manufacturing and shipping interests, a great reformation would be made in what is now classified arid lands. If the millions of dollars spent by the government in the building of warships, in the support of that there will be some day be a similar reformation in the arid lands of the mountain districts, certainly in the interest of peace, it would be a step which all good citizens of the United States would heartily endorse.

"There is much food for study in this subject, 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 composed 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.

"Announcements of the Theaters. At the Orpheum this week where all houses have been the rule, the Okid Japanese family are scoring very strong. The little brown folks are showing themselves the peer of any one seen here with a remarkably graceful and difficult series of equilibristic acrobatic stunts, to which their costumes, consisting of robes of gorgeous oriental embroidered work add a special feature worth seeing. The bill in its entirety is well varied and for the women and children who attend the popular price matinee Thursday holds forth what is regular entertainment that will meet their fancy.

"Robert Eileen's engagement at the Boyd in 'Strongheart' ends with a matinee and evening performance today. This play and company has been as successful in Omaha as in any other city, and the enthusiastic reception the actors have met at each performance surely indicates the satisfaction of the public.

"Pauline Hall has not been seen in Omaha since her visit to the Orpheum some seasons ago. Her act is coming back now with what is said to be the best she has ever had since 'Ermine,' and that in 'Dorcas' by the same authors. She has surrounded herself by a fine singing organization, and is meeting with her old triumphs in her new role. 'Dorcas' will be the bill at the Boyd on Friday and Saturday evenings and at a matinee on Saturday.

"On Sunday evening Dustin Farnum and the same fine company that supported him last season will open an engagement at the Boyd, playing that undying favorite, 'The Virginian.' This splendid piece, in which real western men and women are presented, has been just as popular this season as at any time since it was first produced. Mr. Farnum continues his excellent work as the Virginian, and all the others are just the same. The engagement is for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and a matinee on Wednesday. Seats are on sale now.

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, upon being welcomed to the chair by the retiring president, Dr. Christie, said: In accepting the duties of this office I am deeply indebted to you, permit me to express my sincere appreciation of the honor. 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 accept their duties with unrighteousness there will come to us a credit which will be a duty to the best of our ability. There is much work before us for the coming year, and the membership of this board there are so many able men, without regard to political affiliation, who will give their best for administering this important trust in a dignified and economical manner. We are to be a part of the school system, and it is a privilege and gratification to know that the school children of this city are in the hands of a body of men who are so devoted to their home in early days? I cannot claim daylight arrival, yet I am trusting 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 completion. Mr. Editor, my wife, notwithstanding the age of both men and women, in their laborious strain of three hours of standing reception, they were uniformly all joyous 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 remembering the names of the men who 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 Jacksonian 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.

Up to a few weeks ago Mr. Smith was very coy about his candidacy and met questions with evasive replies. However, several democratic politicians who have regarded him as the best material to use against a republican nominee called on him separately and demanded information as to his intentions. Brought to bay Smith admitted he would make the race. Since then he has been pushing his campaign aggressively.

Certain friends of Frank T. Hanson are calling him up for a candidate, but Mr. Hanson to date has let others do all the talking. It was the same way with W. C. Bullard, chairman of the democratic city committee, but one of the younger and better known leaders said: 'Ed P. Smith has come out in the open. It means Bullard will have to be a candidate. This is straight talk and the Smith announcement is as good as the withdrawal of Bullard.' Millard Funkhouser says several citizens have beseeched him to go after the democratic majority nomination, but as for himself he has not turned covetous eyes on the honor, which this time must come direct from the loins of the democratic host of the town by reason of the Dodge primary law. The most Mr. Funkhouser will say is that it is too early to make up

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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 trusting 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.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. Miss Josephine Roche has returned to Yassor college after spending the holidays at home. S. R. Reynolds of Denver, V. Landner of Lincoln and S. L. Benson of Omaha are at the Henshaw. Postoffice Inspector A. J. Moore is at his desk again in the federal building after a ten days' leave of absence.

Ed Smith, formerly superintendent of construction for the Nebraska Telephone company, and at present manager of the Bell Telephone company of Iowa, will headquarter at 1401-03 Farnam street, New Year's in Omaha visiting with old friends. United States Marshal W. P. Warner returned from his home at Dakota City Tuesday morning, where he had been called by the serious illness of his son, who is suffering from influenza. The boy recovered, and was sufficiently improved Monday night to permit of the return of his father to Omaha.

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 in jail 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 arraigned in Police court on the charge of assaulting Tommie Smith, a negro, on the street. The trouble between Thomas and the boy 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 a 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

Quett COAT SHIRT advertisement, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the shirt's quality and price.

Shermac's La Grippe Cough Syrup advertisement, highlighting its effectiveness for various ailments and listing the pharmacy location.

QUAKER MAID RYE COLO MEDALS advertisement, featuring the Quaker logo and text about the product's quality and availability.