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It seems wise for Congress to remain in session during the acute crisis thru which the Nation is passing. The course pursued by President Wilson thus far in dealing with the belligerents has the practically unanimous approval of the people of the United States, but there are strong objections to giving the Chief Executive absolute power to decide single handed the momentous issues now before the Nation. Concentration of such tremendous power in one man savors too much of the Old World ideals of government by kings, emperors and czars. Let Congress have a voice in deciding all questions and eliminate the "Star Chamber" sessions as much as possible. The people of Europe have been systematically deceived by their rulers regarding every phase of the war, but there is no excuse for withholding the truth from the American people. Let us have the plain facts and let the President share with Congress the responsibility of deciding issues which affect our National destiny.

At ten o'clock Monday morning, February twenty-six, Owensmouth legally became a portion of the City of Los Angeles. By this act the entire control of the vast irrigation system which is to distribute the Owens River water to more than a hundred thousand acres of San Fernando Valley land passes from the county to the city. The entire bond issue, amounting to some \$2,600,000, has been disposed of to good advantage, and it is expected the installation of the pipe system will be completed within a few months. Thanks to the efficient manner in which the work has been handled by City Engineer William Muholland, to whom the Board of Supervisors intrusted the supervision of this gigantic project, it seems that the funds provided by the bond issue will be ample to complete the permanent distribution system. This achievement is all the more remarkable in view of the heavy advances in the prices of materials used, due to war conditions. It is fortunate indeed for the people of the San Fernando Valley that a man of Mr. Muholland's ability was available for this work, otherwise it would doubtless have been a long drawn out affair. The annexation will make no change in our schools, which have been under the city school system for several months. It is to be hoped that a satisfactory plan will be worked out soon for a borough system of government which will enable each community to handle its local affairs.

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TOO HOT TO BURN.

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Some of the scientists connected with the Smithsonian institution in Washington have been throwing light on the sun. Paradoxical as this may seem, it is not more paradoxical than their discovery that the sun is not a burning ball because it is too hot to burn.

They explain it in this way: At 6,000 degrees C. the estimated temperature of the sun's surface, almost all chemical compounds can neither exist nor form. Without chemical compounds you cannot have combustion. This wood is a chemical compound. When it burns a combination is merely the process of oxygen and other elements uniting with the elements in the wood, which in turn are rearranging themselves into new compounds.

At 6,000 degrees of heat, matter can exist only in its basic elements, such as carbon, potassium and the like, nor will the intense heat permit these elements to unite to form combustible compounds. Therefore, the scientists argue, the sun is too hot to burn.

What, then, they ask, causes its heat? Here the wise men fall to quarreling, some asserting that radio-activity is the secret of the sun's warmth, while others maintain that the heat results from the pressure brought about by the contraction of the sun's mass about its own center of gravity. The latter theory boasts of the more adherents, but it is by no means established as a fact.

Indeed, when submitted to the test of mathematics, there seems to be a fatal objection, for by a long and complex calculation the astronomers estimate the sun's age at 17,000,000 years, but as geology tells us the earth is older than this the sun would then be younger than the earth, an obvious impossibility.

—Robert F. Wilson in St. Nicholas.

Man as a Machine

It is a little startling to learn that man is superior to all mechanisms. In the best artificial machines the efficiency is only 14 per cent. The human machine gives a profit of from 25 to 30 per cent on the fuel—in other words, on the food consumed. A man always wastes energy during the first five minutes of work. Monday's labor in a man is the worst and Tuesday's the best in the week—that is, according to a large number of experiments made by a distinguished professor. Man, he considers, is more liable to make mistakes in the afternoon than in the morning. Is this the reason hanks close early?—Perrson's Weekly.

New Arrivals!

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One of the most important problems confronting the people of the San Fernando Valley today is the matter of providing facilities for handling the enormous crop of beans expected from the 12,000 acres to be planted to this commodity this season. With a normal yield the present equipment will not handle half the beans.

For some time H. J. Whitley has been in consultation with the officers and directors of the Vanomar Producers and the property owners of the valley with a view to providing means for the needed betterments. In order to get the matter before all the people and secure quick action it was decided to call a public meeting to discuss the proposition.

The cooperation of the ladies of the Owensmouth Woman's Club was enlisted and notices were sent out for a community gathering at the Owensmouth Hi School on Tuesday evening, at which time some 200 people sat down to one of the delicious chicken dinners for which the ladies of Owensmouth are famous. Besides the hot creamed chicken there were mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, string beans, tomatoes, sliced peaches, hot rolls, pumpkin pie, peach pie, coffee, oranges and mints. The vegetables, peaches, etc., were furnished by the Vanomar Producers and all agreed that the canned goods were the best they ever tasted.

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The high school girls acted as waitresses and the admirable manner in which the entire affair was handled earned many expressions of appreciation from the guests.

At the close of the banquet, President W. E. Bechtelmeier of the Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce proposed H. J. Whitley as chairman of the meeting, the motion being carried unanimously.

In order to elucidate the situation as regards the bean cleaner and cannery Mr. Whitley read a well prepared paper reviewing a

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GRAFTING PEACHES

GOLDWIN Hatework, who was nicknamed "Win," just for short. When Win was about 31 he moved to town, married a stout woman and settled down. Then Win was around amongst the neighbors to sell washings for his wife to do. He got more than enough to keep her busy. He kept an account, watched the clothes, to see that they were done in apple-pie order, hired a neighbor's boy to call for and deliver the clothes. They were doing well, that is, Mrs. Win was.

The neighbors disliked this. They formed a committee, called on Win, told him they'd run him out unless he quit. The idea of a great hulk of a man living off the earnings of a woman?

Win was lazy but he had done some thinking and some observing. When the sentiment got to be so strong that he thought that he'd soon have to quit he went down town and bought ten wash-tubs and ten washboards. He rented a store room, hired ten women, and started a laundry.

When he lived off the earnings of one woman he was a scoundrel; but now he's living off the earnings of ten women he's a "business man." But you don't see it, you're used to the profit system and booming big things.

You're like an old woman I knew over on Crooked Lake. She made a living skinning cats. She'd take these fish alive and sign rows out of the water, add them under the gills with a sharp knife, insert the point of the blade and, with one pull, rip the skin from the quivering fish. A humanitarian stopped one day and said:

"You shouldn't do that. It's cruelty to animals. Wait 'til they die. It hurts them."

Looking up at him the old woman said:

"It don't hurt 'em. I've bin doing it for thirty year 'n' they're us' it."

That's your stripe of society. You've been "skinned" for ten, twenty or fifty years until you have grown used to the system. You cannot recognize the graft in the profit system.

"This man was merely a husband in the first place. In the second he was in business?"

"Well," you say, "these women don't have to work for him; they can quit."

Exactly. If his wife would have left him too. But women are economically dependent upon men. If Win Hatework's wife had not worked for him she must have worked for some other man as landlady, or clerk, or stenographer, or some other capacity.

But, didn't Win take all the risks? Own all the machinery? Invest his money? Didn't Win pay all of the delivery wagon? Ten times as much as before? Ten times the machinery etc.?

In the first instance:

Didn't he go out and get the work for his wife to do? Didn't he keep her busy? How was she to get work if he didn't supply it? Didn't he own the tubs? Didn't he own the washboard? Didn't he give his time as a manager?

Now, you say, "Leave him go on. He's a good, solid citizen?"

And you go into the booth and vote. "Let it continue!"

Every gunshot in Europe is a vote for the same system that produces human beings for gun fodder. Every boy or girl, woman or man that "drifts" to the city is another "peach" for the grafters. Grafters are the worms eating the heart out of nations. They teach children to be good since war requires them to be villains, blood-thirsty robbers and dare-devils.

C. W. DAYTON,
The Red Ripper Hiny Mag.

Tracked by a Human Weakness

By WILLARD BLAKEMAN

One morning the quiet town of Silver River—named for a stream running through it—was horrified at the announcement that Leonard Marston had been found murdered in his bed. Silver River was a summer settlement of wealthy persons who were not there in winter, but Marston had remained beyond the usual time, and the tragedy occurred late in November.

The house had evidently been entered for the purpose of plunder. It was generally known that Mrs. Marston, who was in the city at the time of the murder, had a great deal of valuable jewelry. Some of this was at the country home, and it was all taken by the robbers, as were her husband's studs, sleeve buttons, scarfpin, etc.

When the police, who were called in at once, came they took possession of the house, allowing nothing to be touched till the arrival of Dempsey, a detective, who was to make a thorough examination.

Dempsey had a reputation of being one of the most skillful probers of crime in America. When he arrived he began his search for something the criminal or criminals had left as a possible clue. There were footprints, but he usually considered the most important pointers. Indeed, after an hour's methodical searching Dempsey had discovered nothing. Then his eye caught a small object under a dresser from which Mr. Marston's belongings had been taken.

Tracing an electric lamp from his bed, he finished it up and the letter and revealed a stul. Taking it up, he saw that it was a musical and recognized it as one that was made in Italy. Evidently in taking it from the box in which it and other pieces of like character of the thief had dropped it and it had rolled under the dresser.

That was the only clue that was found. Dempsey inquired of Mrs. Marston if she had any jewelry that her husband had possessed, where they had been secured and any other in which they might have been. It was told that there were three studs in the wall, with a pair of sleeve buttons to match. She had lent them from Rome with her previous visit. The design on the same on all the studs and the sleeve links, a copy of the design on a statue in the Vatican called the Apollo Belvedere.

"That will do," said Dempsey. "It may be a long chase, but if I produced in the thief and murderer with at his home."

Dempsey did not begin to probe the matter till a month after the robbery. Then he got up a steamer, a copy of the Marston had possessed, where they had been secured and any other in which they might have been. He got a note and a picture of the man. He had a description of the man, but from a jeweler he received a letter stating that two studs answering the description in his letter had been made into a pair of earrings in the shop.

Dempsey responded to the letter in person and learned that the work had been done by a woman. She was well remembered by the clerk, who took the order, and was described as about twenty-eight or thirty years old, large rather fleshy in her dress, and her face marked by a broken nose.

From this point Dempsey worked with a hire of several assistants, whom he employed to go to retail stores of innocent, dining places, restaurants, such places as are frequented by the floating population of cities. Nevertheless a year passed with no result.

At last one of Dempsey's assistants, a girl about sixteen years old, reported that a friend of hers had told her that she had sat next to a woman at a movie show who wore a pair of earrings representing "the head of a man with curly hair." The assistants were instructed to follow the person if met with and note the residence. But the woman with the earrings could not be found. So the same search was made.

But Dempsey went at once to the city where the discovery had been made, hired a special corps of assistants and went about himself where pleasure-loving people go.

One evening after dining at a restaurant he was lighting a cigar and about to move on when a woman entered, brushed past him and took a seat at a table with her escort. Dempsey's eyes were set for earrings, and he thought that the woman was very noticeable. He took a seat at a table near the one at which the couple sat, but not near enough to get a close view of her earrings. The man ordered drinks, after which the couple danced. While they were dancing Dempsey took a seat within a few feet of the one the woman had left, though his back was toward her. When she returned she

took the seat she had occupied before. Dempsey turned around and, seeing one of the earrings in his hand, brought it to within a proper focus for his eyes. When Mrs. Marston was going to bed that night she received a telephone message from Dempsey stating that he had found the stolen studs, the wearer had revealed the thief and murderer and had been arrested.

"How did you do it?" asked the widow.

"It came through a human habit—a passion for adornment—what city illustration has not eradicated," was the reply.

Theory and Practice.

Here is a good story from the collection of a Corvallis school inspector. The pupils were being examined on the subject of personal hygiene: "A boy was asked, 'What have you to do in order to keep your teeth sound and white?' 'Clean them,' was the prompt reply. 'When ought you to clean them?' 'Morning, noon and night.' 'What are they to be cleaned with?' 'With a toothbrush.' 'Very good. Have you a toothbrush?' 'No, sir.' 'Has your father a toothbrush?' 'No, sir.' 'Has your mother a toothbrush?' 'No, sir.' 'But how do you know about the use of toothbrushes then?' 'We sell them, sir.'"

Hartman, the Van Nava jeweler, does watch and jewelry repairing.

Owensmouth Directory

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Mails arrive from Los Angeles and Eastern points at 6:45 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

Mails close for Los Angeles and Eastern points at 5:25 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Mail closes for California, Triunfo, Central and Santa Fe at 5:30 p. m.

Owensmouth Public Library
Solicitor Block. Mrs. Anna T. Gallery, Librarian. Open from 2:30 to 6 and from 7 to 9.

Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce
President—W. E. Buchholtzer.
Secretary—G. F. Hill.
Meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in grammar school auditorium.

Owensmouth Women's Club
President—Mrs. G. W. Marston.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. F. Ischler.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. A. Driscoll.
Meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at homes of members.

Owensmouth High School
Principal—G. W. Monroe.

Owensmouth Grammar School
Principal—Joseph Gerard.

Ladies' Aid Society
President—Mrs. W. H. Haden.
Secretary—Mrs. Wm. McConohy.
Meets every two weeks on Thursday at 2:30 at the homes of members.

Egworth League
President—Warren Hall.
Meets every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Synagogue Block.

M. E. Sunday School
Superintendent—Fried Goodall.
Meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Synagogue Block.

Went Ever Parent Teachers' Association
President—Mrs. Wm. A. Driscoll.
Secretary—Mrs. Helen G. Mitchell.
Meets on the first Friday evening of each month.
(This association includes the school districts of Owensmouth, Chatsworth, California, Liberty, Los Villanos, San Diego, Ocker, Mount Olive, Topanga, Marina.)

Van Nava Political Association
Meets on the second Thursday of each month in First National Bank, Van Nava.
President—E. E. Hartman.
Secretary—M. M. McConahy.

Owensmouth Branch, Home Investment Association
President—W. E. Monroe.
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Trustee—H. E. Hartman.
Director—J. L. Waring, L. W. Keckman, John Haas, G. W. Monroe, W. E. Buchholtzer.

Womans Producers
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Owensmouth Branch Boy Scouts of America.
Scout Master—E. E. Goodall.
Scout Leader—Wm. Driscoll.
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Owensmouth

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ADDITIONAL LOGALS

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The Chat which came down from the Chatsworth hills Saturday night demonstrated the usefulness of the 'dips' placed across Sherman Way by the city street department, also exposed some of the weak spots in the drainage system. Only about an inch of rain fell in the valley during the night, but the precipitation in the mountains was very heavy. Early Sunday morning the flood reached the danger point on Los Feliz street and was soon beyond the control of Chas. Garcia, the only member of the street force on duty. Quantities of debris came rushing along with the torrent and the three foot pipe under Sherman Way was soon completely filled with sediment. This largely overtaxed the carrying capacity of the culvert under the railway tracks and a large stream of muddy water was soon coursing down the boulevard, entering the second dip at Walnut street. Road Foreman Geo. Squires arrived on the scene later with additional help and soon had the situation under control. Very little water passed the second dip and comparatively little mud was deposited on the boulevard. If the entire stream of water which came down from the hills had run down the boulevard into Marian, as was the case last year, great quantities of mud would have been deposited in the roads, causing serious interruption to traffic. Last year street car traffic was tied up for several days as a result of the flood and it is estimated that it cost the city some \$2,000 to clean up the debris and repair the paving. The open ditch on Los Feliz street used by the American Beet Sugar Co. for irrigation purposes last year is to be done away with in order to provide more room for the storm water channel. The probabilities are that this street will be utilized as a storm water drain for its entire width for some distance.

PLANT ALFALFA

with drill and save half cost of seed. See N. M. Graham, Owensmouth, Cal.

Pacific Electric Time Card

In effect Thursday, Aug. 24, 1916, between Owensmouth and Los Angeles, as follows:

Leave Owensmouth	Arrive L. A.
8:30 a. m.	7:40 a. m.
9:00 a. m.	8:10 a. m.
10:00 a. m.	10:40 a. m.
11:00 a. m.	11:50 a. m.
2:00 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
4:00 p. m.	3:10 p. m.
6:00 p. m.	5:10 p. m.
6:45 p. m.	5:55 p. m.
11:00 p. m.	11:45 p. m.
12:45 a. m.	1:40 a. m.
Leave L. A.	Arrive Owensmouth
5:15 a. m.	6:20 a. m.
5:55 a. m.	7:00 a. m.
8:20 a. m.	9:30 a. m.
10:20 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
11:20 a. m.	12:30 p. m.
12:20 p. m.	1:30 p. m.
1:20 p. m.	2:30 p. m.
2:20 p. m.	3:30 p. m.
3:20 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
4:00 p. m.	5:00 p. m.
6:45 p. m.	8:00 p. m.
11:20 p. m.	12:30 a. m.

2 Express and passenger combination car. Sunday passenger car only. Transfer at Sherman Way to and from San Fernando. Transfer at N. Sherman Way to and from Owensmouth. 10. Transfer from Highland Ave. to North Sherman Way only. 11. To Van Nuys only.

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The following schedule of rates of fare over the Pacific Electric Railway is announced:
Between Owensmouth and Los Angeles
10-ride family book..... \$1.25
50-ride family book..... \$1.25
10-ride individual book..... 7.00
50-ride individual book..... 9.00
Single fare..... .10
Round trip fare..... .15
Between Owensmouth and Van Nuys
10-ride family book..... \$1.00
50-ride individual book..... \$1.00
10-ride individual book..... 5.00
Single fare..... .20
Round trip fare..... .20

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