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GENERAL HARRISON GRAY OTIS, VETERAN EDITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, SUDDENLY CALLED BY DEATH JULY 30

Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, president and general manager of the Los Angeles Times-Mirror Company, died suddenly on Monday, July 30, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Chandler, in Hollywood, at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 20 days.

Gen. Otis was a soldier-journalist of international reputation and his death is felt as a distinct loss to the many organizations of which he was an active member.

Gen. Otis had extensive holdings in the San Fernando Valley and spent considerable time at his beautiful home, Milfloras, on the state highway. It was he who suggested the name of Owensmouth for our town, instead of Canoga.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the First Congregational Church and interment was made at Hollywood Cemetery.

GEN. HARRISON GRAY OTIS was a Union soldier and officer throughout the Civil War, brigadier-general and brevet major-general of United States Volunteers in the war against Spain, editor and principal owner of the Los Angeles Times from 1882 to the present. He was born in Washington county, Ohio, February 10, 1837; son of Stephen Otis and Sarah (Dyer) Otis. He was the youngest of sixteen children in his father's two families.

Gen. Otis was reared on a farm, attending the common schools of Southern Ohio for three months in each winter, until the age of 14 years, when he left home to learn the printing trade. He attended Wetherby's Academy, Lowell, O., in 1855-57, and subsequently graduated from Granger's Commercial College, Columbus, O.

He enlisted as a private in the Twelfth Ohio Volunteers June 25, 1861, was promoted to first sergeant March 1, 1862; second lieutenant November 12, 1862; first lieutenant May 20, 1863, and captain July 1, 1864, on which date he was transferred through the consolidation of the two regiments to Twenty-third Ohio Veteran Volunteers, of which Rutherford B. Hayes was colonel and later brevet major of United States Volunteers.

He served forty-nine months in the army, in the field and camp; participated in fifteen engagements was twice wounded in battles, and received seven promotions, including two brevets. In the course of his military service in the Civil War he made a battle record embracing the following actions, in which he was a participant: Scatter Creek, Va., July 13, 1861; Carnifax Ferry, Va., September 10, 1861; Bull Run Bridge, Va., August 27, 1861; Frederick, Md., September 12, 1861 (killed); Mount Vernon, Va., September 17, 1862 (wounded); Blue Sulphur Springs, W. Va., September, 1863 (skirmish); Boyer's Ferry, W. Va., November, 1863 (skirmish); Meadow Bluff, W. Va., December 14, 1863 (skirmish); Princeton, Va., May, 1864 (skirmish); Cloud Mountain, Va., May 9, 1863; New River Bridge, Va., May 10, 1864; Quaker Church, Lynchburg, Va., June 17-18, 1864; Cabelltown, Va., July 20, 1864; Kernstown, Va., July 24, 1864 (severely wounded). Gen. Otis became owner of a small newspaper and printing plant at Marietta, O., in 1865, was foreman of the government office at Washington, 1869-70; chief of a division in the United States Patent Office 1871 to 1876; editor and publisher of the Santa Barbara Press 1876 to 1880; principal United States Treas-

ury agent in charge of the Sealands of Alaska from 1879-81.

In 1882 he was offered by the State Department the appointment of United States Consul for the Samoa Islands, and in 1884 a similar appointment at Tien-tsin, China, both of which he declined.

He became a fourth owner in the Los Angeles Times August 1, 1884 joined in the organization of the Times-Mirror Company for its continued publication, and was its president and general manager from 1886 to the present. He was also a director of the Times-Mirror Printing and Binding House, president of the board of control of the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company; director in the California-Mexico Land and Cattle Company, and president of the Colorado River Land Company (a Mexican corporation, associated with the former—which corporations together own and operate a large tract of delta lands (once desert) lying about the Rio Colorado of the West mainly on the Peninsula of Lower California.

In 1898 he served in Spanish-American War, and in 1899 in the war to suppress the Filipino insurrection, as brigadier-general of volunteers, having been appointed by President McKinley in 1898 and assigned first to the independent division, Philippine Islands expeditionary forces, at Camp Merritt, California, later to the command of the second section of the fourth sea expedition to the Philippines, and subsequently to the Eighth Army Corps at Manila, where he commanded the First Brigade of the Second Division, holding the left of the American line on the northerly front at Manila.

He was present in command of his brigade, at the Filipino outbreak on the night of February 4, 1899, and participated, with his command constantly on the advance line, in all the subsequent actions up to and including the capture of Malolos, March 31, 1899. His brigade constituted the principal force engaged in the assault upon and the capture of Calocan on February 10.

On March 25, 1899, he was ordered, with his brigade, to pierce the enemy's center in the first advance from La Loma Church northward to Malolos, the temporary Filipino capital. This order he successfully executed at the head of his command.

On April 2, 1899, Brig.-Gen. Otis was relieved of his command, at Malolos, at his own request, and returned to the United States, where he was honorably discharged from the military service July 2, 1899.

Gen. Otis was a stalwart independent Republican in politics.

He was a member of the American Academy of Sciences, Associated Press and American Newspaper Publishers' Association; also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Society of the Army of the Potomac, the Military Order of Foreign Wars, United Spanish War Veterans, National Society of the Army of the Philippines, Veteran Army of the Philippines, Order of Sons of the American Revolution, and of several local clubs and societies.

October 1, 1910, the building of the Los Angeles Times was critically dynamited, blown up and destroyed by fire, sacrificing the lives of 20 loyal workmen.

Gen. Otis married in Lowell, O., September 11, 1859, Miss Eliza Wetherby, who died November 12, 1904, and who was actively associated with her husband in journalism for more than a quarter of a century. She was the author of a great volume of poetry and prose entitled "California, Where Sets the Sun" (1905).

Of this union came a son, Harrison Gray, born, 1861, died in infancy, and four daughters, Lillian, born September 22, 1864, died Mar. 1905; Marian, wife of Harry Chandler, Mabel, wife of Franklin Booth and Esher, died in infancy.

He resided at the Bivouac, Wilshire boulevard and Park View, Los Angeles, until this was presented by him to the county, as a public art gallery, some months ago, when recently he had made his home with Mr. Chandler at No. 2330 Hillhurst avenue, Hollywood.

Personal and Local Notes

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. R. Graff are spending the week at Santa Monica.

Miss Ruth Woodward of Los Angeles is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Haas and family.

The Misses Addie and Edith Haas are visiting their uncle, B. Perret and family, at Pasadena.

Mrs. Jackson Tweedy and daughter Miss Dorothy and Miss Antonia Weber are spending a few days at Long Beach.

Mrs. Jessie Hunt has secured the position of teacher at the Liberty school. She will make her home with her sister, Mrs. Tweedy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brainard and son Wallace returned the first of the week from Long Beach, where they have been visiting friends.

Don't fail to see the Hyden Hardware Co. if you are in the market for a wagon—a beet plow of anything in the vehicle or tool line—adv.

At the Community Church on Sunday at 11 the Rev. H. A. Nates will preach. Sunday school at 10 and Epworth league at 7:30. Everybody come.

The Boy Scouts and friends who have been spending a week at Catalina, returned the first of the week. All report a most enjoyable week's outing.

FREE RURAL DELIVERY TO BE ESTABLISHED AT OWENSMOUTH

Owensmouth is to have free rural delivery, authorization having been received by the postmaster from the postoffice department authorizing the inauguration of the service on Oct. 1.

The service will be tri-weekly for the first six months, at least, as the postoffice department has ruled against the establishment of daily service on any more new routes until a trial has been made to determine whether the people wish the service.

If at the end of the probationary period the volume of business warrants an increase in the service, daily delivery will be inaugurated.

While this service is not all that could be desired at the beginning, it is hoped the route will be patronized sufficiently to insure permanent service.

The route as planned starts on Angus avenue, running south to the state highway, thence east to Canoga, north to Sherman Way, east to Reseda, north to Saticoy, west to Canoga, north to Roscoe, west to Santa Ana, and back to postoffice via Circle Drive and Sherman Way.

Credit is due Congressman C. H. Randall and Senator Hiram W. Johnson for their assistance in getting this route established, at a time when few applications of this kind are being granted by the postoffice department.

E. G. Harbold has spent considerable time on the proposition and J. Benedict has lent valuable assistance.

Miss Jessie Beckstead, who is spending the summer with her parents at Carpinteria, visited her cousin, Miss Gladys Riddle, Wednesday and Thursday. While here Jessie received a letter and package from her brother Maurice, who is in the navy, having shipped from San Francisco on a war vessel at the beginning of the week. He sent his sister and cousin some handsome silk handkerchiefs and toboggan caps from France.

Indian Wampum. Wampum, used by the Indians for trading purposes, was formed in the shape of small disks or cylinders of shells perforated through the center and strung together on strings of deer's sinew. The colors were white and purple or black, the latter being twice as valuable as the white on account of its rarity.

SELF CONTROL.

Learn to control thy temper. Let this truth be present to thee in the excitement of anger—that to be moved by passion is not manly, but that mildness and gentleness, as they are more agreeable to human nature, so also are they more manly, for, in the same degree in which a man's mind is nearer to freedom from all passion, in the same degree also it is nearer to strength.—Marcus Antonius.

FIRST CARLOAD BEETS SHIPPED FROM OWENSMOUTH AUG. 2

The first carload of sugar beets for the season of 1917 was shipped from Owensmouth on Thursday, August 2. This was the first car of beets to leave the San Fernando Valley this season and was sent to China, where all the beets harvested in the valley for the next few days will go. Later shipments will be made to Oxford.

The best crop in this district was estimated earlier in the season at about 25,000 tons, but owing to the failure of the water supply the tonnage will be considerably reduced.

BEAN HARVEST BEGINS

G. W. Clemson began harvesting his crop of Tepary beans on Wednesday, August 1. He reports that the beans are in fine condition and the prospect good for a fair yield.

The Henderson Bush beans are said to be setting well, but the Blue Pods seem much later. The plants are thrifty and well filled with bloom, but no pods are forming yet. They are expected to come into bearing later in the season.

GERARD TO EXPOSE KAISER'S TREACHERY

Ambassador Gerard of Germany is going to tell what the Kaiser planned to do to America, of the amazing treachery and intrigues of Prussianism, which drew the United States into the war.

This great serial will be published exclusively daily and Sunday in THE LOS ANGELES EXAMINER, beginning with Sunday, Aug. 5th.

Every American should read it. Order the EXAMINER now. Delivered by carrier or by mail 75c per month—adv.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AUG. 7

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 7, the Ladies' Aid Society will hold an ice cream social at the church room in the Syndicate Block. All are invited.

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See the Hyden Hardware Co. for the old reliable Ventura Peet-Flow. It is the pulley that does the work, and then considers the price—adv.

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OWENSMOUTH, CAL., FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1917

The shortage of irrigating water due to the serious break in the Aqueduct is causing the San Fernando Valley farmers many thousands of dollars loss. Coming, as it does, in the midst of the irrigation season for beets, beans and other crops, the yield will in many instances be reduced to a point which means the total loss of the farmers' entire year's work. Many of our farmers have struggled bravely for three years to "make good," cheered by promises of abundance of water this season. Now comes another disappointment to many of them. This serious condition of affairs may be avoided in the future by the construction of the Chatsworth Reservoir, which was a part of the original agreement of the City of Los Angeles with the people of the San Fernando Valley when the bonds for the construction of the distributing system were voted. This project has been delayed year after year, however, for reasons best known to the Water Department. Unless immediate and vigorous action is taken to construct this reservoir it will be impossible to complete it in time to be of service next season, which will mean another year of uncertainty and possible loss of thousands of acres of valuable crops, at a time when the National Life depends on the maximum production on every acre of land.

The gigantic task of examining the first contingent of men drafted for the army is now in full swing and it is expected the full quota will be enrolled by the end of next week. The Exemption Board for Division No. 1 will hold all day sessions next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Van Nuys City Hall. There will be 54 men required from this division and notices have already been mailed to 108 men, designating the hour at which they are to appear before the Local Board. The headquarters for Division No. 7, which includes Calabasas and a portion of Chatsworth, will be at San Fernando. Few people realize the vast amount of clerical labor involved in a movement of this kind and a noteworthy feature of the matter is that the bulk of the work is being done gratuitously by patriotic citizens. In this connection it is appropriate to voice a word of appreciation for the assistance rendered the Registration and Exemption Boards by City Clerk Charles L. Wilde, who went far beyond the requirements of his official duties in order to facilitate this work of mobilizing the National Army. We venture the assertion that in no city in the United States was the work handled more accurately than in Los Angeles—due in a large measure to the efficient manner in which Mr. Wilde met the emergency.

An Unaccountable Prosperity

By ALAN HINSDALE

I had reached the age of thirty-three and had not made any success in life. Indeed, I was out of a position and had nothing in the world to prevent starvation. To add to my melancholy I was in love with a girl who was supporting herself by teaching. She loved me, but of course marriage was out of the question. One afternoon I was sitting on a bench in a park with other homeless, workless men. A man sitting beside me got up, having a newspaper behind him. I took it up mechanically and tried to read some of the items in it, principally to relieve my mind from gloom. Suddenly my eye caught sight of my own name. It was among a few personal items. I said that if I would send my address to Murray & Field, agents, I would hear something to my advantage. I would have concluded that he had, was for some other person of similar name, but my name is an odd one and my two surnames are also unusual.

I had no time in calling on Murray & Field and found that they were agents for a woolen mill in New England. I handed to the ad, which I had taken from the newspaper and showed it into Mr. Field's office. Without saying anything to me he took down a letter file, withdrew a letter and read it over. Then he put it back in its place and said to me:

"Do you want a position?" I said that I most assuredly did not want a position very hard. He told me that I had been directed by an officer of the mills to be represented to send me for them. Opening a drawer in his desk, he took out \$20 and handed it to me. I gaped some questions, but he said he knew nothing about the matter except that he had been instructed to advertise for me. I took the \$20 and went out of the room for a moment. With the rest I paid my way to the mills.

When I got there I was received by the secretary and put in a room by myself, the door standing open. After remaining there about half an hour I was conducted to the office of the secretary, who told me that if I wanted work I could have it. I asked him questions, with the same result as before.

I was given a job on a small salary, but the salary was increased rapidly. Within six months after being employed I was receiving \$100 a month, and then my salary was doubled. I did all I could to earn it, but I am not an unbiased judge as to whether I succeeded. However, I filed my work book and felt that I was fitted for it. One day I asked if I might consider my salary permanent, and on being told that it was I wrote my sweetheart that I was ready to marry her if she was ready to marry me. She replied that she was, and I obtained leave to go and marry her.

Before leaving I was handed a check for \$100, which I was told was for immediate use. I was given everything I desired except information as to why I was favored. To my questions on this point I received only advice. Before my return from my honeymoon I was informed that a house had been provided for me, and on my arrival one of the employees of the mills conducted me to it, and when we were inside he handed me a deed for the property, which was worth about \$10,000.

My wife insisted that there was a fairy godmother who was showering on me all these blessings, but I did not believe any such thing.

One day the secretary of the company told me that I was wanted at a certain house, to which he would conduct me. I felt it in my bones that I was to receive an explanation of my good luck or kind treatment, and while being driven to my destination I was forming theories to account for it. I was driven up to a handsome dwelling, alighted, and when in the house was taken upstairs to a room where an old man lay in bed. He looked at me as if I approached him, motioned me to take a chair close by him, and then said to me:

"I am your father's brother. You probably never heard of my existence, for I ran away from home when a boy, and I have understood that my name was never mentioned in the family. You are the only living person sprung from that stock. I am unmarried and have no children. I advertised for you, though you do not seem to account for my desertion when a boy. I own the controlling interest in the mills where you are employed. I have but a short time to live, and as my death you will inherit my stock in the company. It occurred to me that you should be trained to manage the property, and I took my own way of training you."

I have no remembrance of what really I made to this announcement. I was so full of so many emotions that I don't fit it add anything to the point.

My uncle had exhausted himself in saying what he did to me and as soon as he had finished a nurse intimating to me that I was to retire.

My inheriting the news to my wife was of course interesting indeed, so interesting that I cannot find words to describe it.

My uncle died in a few weeks, and at his death, holding a controlling interest, I elected myself president and general manager, the other stockholders withdrew concerning. Having worked up from the bottom rounds of the ladder, I found myself well equipped for my work.

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My Guardian

By RUTH GRAHAM

Mother died when I was still a girl I think I had just turned seventeen. During her last illness she worried a great deal as to what was to become of me after being deprived of her care. "I wish you were a few years older," she said to me one day, "I would pick out a husband for you. Then there would be no need for me to be anxious about your future."

"Would you expect me to marry a man without love, mother?"

"I should rely on his good qualities to win your confidence and respect, which would be better than a romantic attachment. Certainly it would be more enduring."

Mother had often told me that she had been engaged before she married my father, but gave up nothing more than the bare fact. I often wondered why she had not married this person instead of father. I knew that he was several years younger than she, but since a woman prefers a man older than herself I fancied that this might be the reason of her breaking her first engagement.

When mother died and her will was read I learned that her property had been left to a certain Horace Ogilvie in trust for me till I should reach the age of twenty-one, when it was to be paid to me. My guardian was to have the legal care of me during my minority. To provide a home for me and direct my education. I remember that a few days after the reading of the will a very pleasant looking gentleman about thirty-five years old came to see me as announced, and was introduced to me as my guardian. He told me that he lived with his mother in another city and I was to go with him and make my home with them.

I consented to take such a kindly interest in me and was so sympathetic with me in my bereaved condition that I was contented as I have her own.

During this first day I spent with my guardian I constantly found him looking at me with a very singular expression. It was as though I was connected with something beyond my own life. I fancied that there was tenderness in his gaze. Could it be that he felt that I was placed toward me in the position of a father? I certainly did not have for him a corresponding feeling. I thought him a very interesting man.

Why my mother had appointed him my guardian I did not know, and I was not informed. Somehow since neither he nor his mother said anything about the matter I rather shrank from asking. Mrs. Ogilvie took entire charge of me, and I soon came to look upon her as my second mother. Mr. Ogilvie from the first assumed my entire responsibility toward me in that certain reserve, which I did not relish. I wished that he would not keep a barrier constantly between him and me. At twenty I left school and was certainly not the half child, half woman that I had been when I came to live in my second home.

The difference between a man of thirty-five and a woman of twenty is not what it is between a man of thirty-five and a girl of seventeen. When I came home from school for the last time my relations with my guardian were unimpaired. His treatment of me was more reserved than ever. I had no acquaintances among young men near my own age, and this seemed to trouble him. He hunted up several youngsters and brought them to my notice for my companionship. They seemed very loyally to me.

One day one of these youngsters invited me to go to a play with him that evening. Mr. Ogilvie came home to dinner tired and despondent about something that had gone wrong during the day. His mother suggested that he go to some place of amusement. He demurred on the ground that it would not benefit him to go.

"Why not take me?" I suggested.

"I don't think that you had an engagement," was his reply.

"I'll break it!"

He looked at me, surprised, and said he would not have me do that on any account.

I assured him that I preferred to go with him, but could not make him understand that I would choose to spend an evening in company with an old fellow like himself to a young man near my own age.

Half an hour afterward I received two tickets with a note from the doctor stating that he was unavoidably prevented from escorting me to the theatre and hoped I would find some one to take his place. I went merrily to Mr. Ogilvie, waving the tickets over my head, and asked him to be the substitute.

That broke the ice between us. Mr. Ogilvie permitted himself to show me some attention, which I received as friendly. But it was rapidly increased.

To make a long story short, there was a certainty, an engagement and a marriage. I wedded my guardian.

It was not till I had been married some time that I discovered that my husband had been engaged to my mother. He considered me the counterpart of what she was when he had loved her, and from the moment we first met he resented that love to me.

I have spent many an hour wondering why my mother should have arranged a probable match between me and the man she disappointed. I have never found a solution.

The Right Not to Laugh.

If one were to accuse you of plotting your grandmother you would presumably smile in unfeigned fashion and go about your affairs without feeling any burden of accusation. But if one accused you of being a miser or a miser you would first of all resent it indignantly, and, furthermore, for an indefinite time to come you would be conscious of a desire to disprove the charge, scrutinizing anxiously every phrase that might conceal some subtle hidden test, emitting snuff and then forced laughs on suspicion. Perhaps you boast your emancipation in many fields where public opinion customarily rules. You wear a string hat and you please; you object to the instagna hat; you flout your indignation to discuss a subject in mixed company; you do or do not serve butter at your dining table. Yet you are afraid you may not laugh in the right places. Many a one who proclaims his right to individuality of opinion fears to assert an equally inalienable right to laugh. Deep in his heart he broods the withering accusation that he lacks a sense of humor—Burgess Johnson in Harper's Magazine.

Owensmouth Direct

U. S. Mails

Mails arrive and depart from Owensmouth as follows: 10:30 a.m. Arrive from Los Angeles and Eastern points at Owensmouth 10:30 a.m. Arrive from California, Triesto, Corral and Yerba Buena at 9:30 a.m. Mails depart for Los Angeles and Eastern points at 6:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Mail direct to California, Triesto, Corral and Yerba Buena 10:30 a.m.

Owensmouth Public Library

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Mon. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wed. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce President—W. E. Eckelbacher.

Secretary—Mrs. Wm. A. Dickson. Meets on the first Saturday evening of each month at 8 o'clock in grammar school auditorium.

Owensmouth Women's Club

President—Mrs. Ed. Morris. Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. E. Eckelbacher. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Dickson. Meets every second Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock at home of members.

Owensmouth High School

Principal—G. W. Monroe.

Owensmouth Grammar School

Principal—Joseph Gerard.

Ladies Aid Society

President—Mrs. W. B. Hoffman. Secretary—Mrs. Wm. A. Dickson. Meets every two weeks on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of the members.

Epworth League

President—Warren Hall. Meets every Sunday evening at 8:30 in the parlors of the church.

M. S. Sunday School

Superintendent—Kris Goodall. Meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church.

West End Parent Teachers' Association

President—Mrs. Wm. A. Dickson. Secretary—Mrs. Wm. A. Dickson. Meets on the first Friday evening of each month.

(This association includes the school district of Owensmouth, California, including Liberty, Los Verdes, Corral, Eckel, Moss and Topanga, Mariposa.)

Owensmouth Branch Home Investment Association

President—G. W. Monroe. Secretary—Geo. Davis. Treasurer—L. W. Ketchum. Members—E. J. Waring, L. W. Ketchum, John H. A. G. Monroe, W. E. Eckelbacher.

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Cooperative Association for marketing fruit and farm products. P. O. Box 10, Owensmouth, California.

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Scout Master—E. E. Goodall. Scout and Scoutmaster—Wayne Davis. Meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Synthetic Block.

Van Nuys Poultry Association

Meets on the third Friday evening of each month in the Women's Club House, Van Nuys. President—E. B. Hanson. Secretary—M. M. McConahey.

FEED THE SOUL

THE reason why we shouldn't eat meat, eggs, milk, cooled food, or manufactured food is because the animal, or fire, heat destroys the chlorine, the cooling element which the vegetable and fruit foods bring up out of the earth by their long and deep running tap roots.

The lack of cold causes muscles to be hardened and packed and crystalline so that the muscles can be worked in but one direction, and must be worked continually to keep them limber and active. When the muscles become set or stiffened the mind comes to a rest and, after a time of inaction, the accumulation of gases in the brain and nerves produces a violent upheaval of thoughts because mind dies by lack of exercise. Without activity to the mind decays and settles down to a low and depraved degree or level.

The first result of this condition was brickmanism. When men laid down their tools one day and walked out on strike I went to work on the telephone and telegraph and after railroad engineering I stepped out of the cab one day and, after a time of inaction, was not long until I struck an opportunity to learn printing and so to print I went with both hands in the mud, printing exclusively of anything else. Fruit culture looks so fine from my distance that I would be glad to subscribe to any and every fruit journal, but the unrestricted privilege devote my time and efforts to the tillage and care of the garden. I have been worth nothing but with the hope of better times in future for my adopted vocation.

As I go amongst the trees and vegetables at the day's work I over and see the trees and vines bending with great loads of fruit overhead and all around, as if sloping down to make me closer friendship, and all striving with each other to attract the most attention. This understanding between the trees and vines and myself is silent and deep language; and as their branches reach together and shut out the clear vision of the sky and sun it seems like being enclosed in a gigantic and cavernous theater with innumerable friendly and living objects all around the outside.

The lower I sit down on the ground beneath the overspreading bows the more of nature's greatness there appears to be far above my head and sun and moon brush away the terrors and strife that is so prevalent in the outer world. By my trees and vegetables I can best understand the nature of my own that exactly suits my planning. I never feel so well as when I get an hour of peace and quiet at the close of a day's intense activity.

Living amongst true friends heads and patches up the scars and thrusts which are recorded in the battle of life. It is this quiet, peaceful hour that is the food of the soul. When people go to war their soul is left behind. It is forcibly blown from the body. It is necessary to learn to love and enjoy the works of the Creator instead of loving them and recording them to love one another is to love the works of Satan. The outer attractions of the body are only the flesh and sun. They are produced by dying souls. Every man or woman, whether high or low in the estimation of the public, needs soul sustaining food.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

T. A. Chandler returned Monday from a visit at his old home in Macyville, Tenn.

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O. L. Thomason and family, accompanied by Chas. Hunt and Mr. Sanders, drove over from West Highland on Sunday last to spend the day with the former's brother, Geo. Thomason and family.

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Gazette Liners bring returns.

Pacific Electric Time Card

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

Leave Owensmouth	Arrive L. A.
6:30 a. m.	7:40 a. m.
8:00 " "	9:10 " "
10:00 " "	11:06 " "
12:00 " "	1:06 " "
2:00 " "	3:06 " "
4:00 " "	5:06 " "
6:00 " "	7:06 " "
8:00 " "	9:06 " "
9:20 p. m.	11:43 " "
11:00 " "	1:00 " "
12:45 a. m.	1:00 " "

Leave L. A.	Arrive Owensmouth
6:15 a. m.	7:25 a. m.
8:00 " "	9:10 " "
10:30 " "	11:33 " "
12:30 " "	1:33 " "
2:30 " "	3:33 " "
4:30 " "	5:33 " "
6:30 " "	7:33 " "
8:30 " "	9:33 " "
9:45 p. m.	12:20 " "
11:30 " "	1:00 " "

* Express and passenger combination car, standard passenger car only. † Transfer at Sherman Way to and from San Fernando. ‡ Transfer at N. Sherman Way to and from Owensmouth. † Starts from Highland Ave. at North Sherman Way only. † to Van Nuys only.

TRANSPORTATION RATES

OVER P. E. RAILWAY
The following schedule of rates of fare over the Pacific Electric Railway is announced:

Between Owensmouth and Los Angeles 30-ride family book.....	1.50
30-ride individual book.....	.75
Single fare.....	.30
Round trip fare.....	.50
Between Owensmouth and Van Nuys 30-ride family book.....	1.18
30-ride individual book.....	.59
Single fare.....	.25
Round trip fare.....	.40

Van Nuys, 19.50 miles; Kansas, 21.54 miles; Romano, 22.84 miles; Mariposa, 23.43 miles; St. Nogue, 27.28 miles; Owensmouth, 29.48 miles.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO. AT OWENSMOUTH, CAL.

TIME TABLE

No. 11 Mixed for Oxnard..... 9:55 A. M.
No. 40 From Oxnard, Mixed..... 11:50 A. M.
Nos. 40 and 81 run between Los Angeles and Oxnard via Chatsworth, Owensmouth, Van Nuys and Lakewood, and carry passengers.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO. AT CHATSWORTH, CAL.

TIME TABLE

Eastward:
No. 10—From San Francisco..... 1:37 pm
No. 79 Santa Barbara..... 4:57 pm
No. 21, from Santa Barbara..... 9:25 pm
Westward:
No. 21 Santa Barbara..... 10:00 am
No. 89 from Santa Barbara, Local..... 4:57 pm
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A warning regarding the late potato crop is contained in the report of a special committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. City residents and ranchers are urged to plant for the family and the market as there is every indication that there will be a repetition of last year's high prices.

Seedpotatoes are nearly exhausted, hence the planting of the healthiest tubers of the spring crop is urged. While a big yield from these may not be expected, says the report, it carries to a good percentage crop may be raised, if not a normal one.

Within a few days early potato shipments from Stockton are expected to reach Southern California. The prices are advancing and according to dealers, the situation is changing rapidly.

The Los Angeles Chamber is making a survey of the potato crop in this section and will appreciate reports from surrounding chambers of commerce, horticulture commissioners, large growers, dealers and others having knowledge of conditions.

It is hoped that the survey will reveal that Southern California will have potato shipments next winter instead of having to buy elsewhere. The large early crop took much of its value because these tubers will not stand long shipments nor will they hold up in storage. The late potato is the one that may be stored and shipped successfully.

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Coming Events

Tuesday, August 7—Ice cream social by Ladies' Aid Society.

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WARNING TO AUTOISTS TO OBSERVE NEW STATE LAW

The new motor vehicle law for California is now in effect, so see that your headlights and spotlights are adjusted right. Here are the principal changes in the new law:

Spotlights must be immovable so that the rays keep within the restrictions specified for headlights.

Head lights must so focused that the rays do not strike higher than 42 inches at a distance of 75 feet. Dimmers are not required.

Motor vehicles standing on well lighted streets at night are not required to carry lighted lamps. The total weight of vehicles operated upon high ways is limited to 30,000 pounds when equipped with four wheels and 40,000 pounds when equipped with six wheels, except by permit from the State Department of Engineering.

There also are limitations as to weights of motor vehicles operated on metal roads, the limitations being with relation to the width of tires. The State Department of Engineering is given power to limit the weight of loads to be carried on bridges or culverts by posting proper signs.

The State Department of Engineering is given power to limit speed of motor vehicles operated on bridges, trestles and culverts, and any dangerous portion of the highways, by posting proper signs.

Motor vehicles are not permitted to stand on the public highway within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

Limitations are fixed as to the width of motor vehicles operated upon highways.

Local authorities are required to post uniform warning signs on approaches to railroad crossings. This feature is to be contested by cities.

Color of Lighting.
The color of lighting is almost entirely due to the nature of the substance in its track that is made incandescent. The blue, red, purple or silver tints, which are ordinarily much more brilliantly marked in tropical countries than they ever are in this latitude, are due to the same circumstance as that which produces the color of the lightning. The vapor of iron has one kind of flame and the vapor of sulphur another.

Types.
The form of type known as Italic is so called because it was first made by an Italian printer, Aldo Manuzio, in 1501. The name of type takes its name from its resemblance to the characters used by the Romans.

AUTO TRUCKING
E. H. Stamps and H. B. Goodrich have established auto trucking service at Owensmouth and are prepared to do heavy hauling of all kinds promptly. Leave orders at this office or phone 80133—adv

A Knave and a Fool

By RUTH GRAHAM

My niece, Alice and I, Alice, aged respectively nineteen and seventeen—the one when a girl is thinking of marriage—she came to tell them something about my method. I told them of an incident that had occurred to me which I intended as a lesson for them.

This was the story:
When I was just your age, Alice, I was in Los Angeles. I had just had recently come to our town, and not only because he was my neighbor, but a very popular one, a number of the girls had taken a fancy to him. I didn't believe that he'd consider me for a moment. Sarah Baker made the first dash for him. Although he was attentive to me, she made every effort to take him away from me.

I told Ralph that he'd better switch off from me and take her up, but he said that he was nobody's property and would do as he pleased. Whatever was a girl's due he would reciprocally observe, but that didn't mean that he was not free to associate with whom he pleased.

That was the beginning of it for me. Ralph became more and more devoted to me. I think most of the girls were glad of it, for if they couldn't get him themselves they preferred that he should be in the hands of a girl. One of them warned me one day that she had just looked out for Sarah, but that she was beside herself with rage and jealousy and ready for anything that would hurt me. I thanked her for her kindly feeling, but told her that Sarah couldn't injure me with Ralph, for he was too high minded to let anything happen to me without proof.

That was true, but Ralph was a man of great equanimity and good sense, for that reason I couldn't see what there was in it to please him. He had persons with good common sense themselves are not apt to tie to those who haven't it.

Well, Ralph proposed to me, and I was not only delighted to have carried off the prize, but was desperately in love. Sarah Baker, after hearing of our engagement, changed her attitude toward me. She congratulated me, saying that if all the girls in town she didn't know one more desiring than to get the prize. And I, little fool that I was, believed her. I have never since understood how I could have been so easily taken in by her. Her words are true in some persons who are easily humbugged and some who are not. I have always been ready to believe in the sincerity of any one who says nice things to me.

Sarah never let an opportunity pass to do something to me. Gradually she made me believe that I was too good for any man, and once she let slip a remark that I was too good for her. This troubled me. What if she meant? Too good for Ralph. Didn't that mean that Ralph was imperfect? She had put a sign into my head, and I couldn't get it out. Later I asked her what she meant by the remark, and she called me a poor dear innocent and told me not to worry. I would have no more trouble with Ralph when married to him than other women had with their husbands. No man was to be trusted in certain respects.

That's the way Sarah prepared her trap for me. She took her time and advanced step by step. When all was ready she howled.

It came in the shape of an anonymous letter, mailed from a neighboring town, reporting to have been written by a girl who had been bitten by Ralph and warning me against him. I nearly believed on reading it. My wife if I had more time I might have recognized sufficiently to avoid making a dance of myself. But, unluckily, Ralph rang the bell within half an hour after my receipt of it. I ran upstairs to my room, and writing on the back of the letter I had received, "All is over between us," sent it down to him.

Pretty soon I heard the front door shut and from my window saw Ralph walking away. He was walking dejectedly with a bowed head. This I interpreted as an admission. Undoubtedly, were he innocent he would not have asked me to come down and bear his explanation.

That is the last I ever saw of Ralph Loving. His action in not defending himself and going away looking like a culprit confirmed me in believing that the charge against him was true. But oh, how I suffered! It seemed at times that I must recall him and take him guilty as he was. I might have done so, but he went away from the town, I heard, to accept a business position elsewhere.

Later a woman who was a mutual friend of Ralph's and mine came to see me. She had the anonymous letter with her and once more told me. Had I had the former, "I prefer a wicked woman to a fool, but I am not

in love with either. This is a great disappointment to me."

Ralph had told our mutual friend to explain the matter to me. She had a specimen of Sarah Baker's handwriting with her and showed me how nearly identical it was with the anonymous note.

My feelings at my break with Ralph were nothing to the kind I had to bear at learning that I had helped my memory to ruin me. I knew from the words he had written on her letter to me that there was no hope of a reconciliation. Ralph in any way passed out of my life; in another way he will be always with me—a sorrowful memory.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. Ben Ross is back from a visit with relatives in Santa Ana.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Langendorfer returned Thursday from a week's visit in Orange county.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hull plan to leave for Nebraska in a few days for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Don't fail to see the Hyden Hardware Co. if you are in the market for a wagon—a beet plow or anything in the vehicle or tool line—adv.

The beautiful home place of T. A. Hull has been purchased by L. H. Thompson, who will occupy it with his family. This is one of the most highly improved acre lots in the valley. The deal was made thru the agency of E. G. Harbold.

at Hartman's Jewelry Store, Van Ness watches and jewelry neatly repaired.

CHURCH CALENDAR

The Community Church of Owensmouth (M. E. Affiliation)
 George B. Craft, S. T. B., pastor.
 Services every Sunday as follows:
 8:30 a. m. Sabbath school, 10:00 a. m. church school, 11:00 a. m. church service, 7:30 p. m. church service.
 A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Zelzah Lutheran Church
 Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:30. M. I. Ulmer, pastor.
 Tea or League every Sunday evening at 7:30. Services by announcement.

Christians of M. E. Church
 Services every Sunday as follows:
 Sunday school at 9 o'clock a. m. C. C. Johnson, superintendent.
 Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
 Epworth League at 8:30 p. m.
 (Ladies' group, president.)
 A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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 Wednesday at 8 p. m.
 Religious at 5:45 a. m.
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BOY SCOUTS NEWS

July 23, the Scouts set sail for Camp George Williams, Catalina. About 100 Scouts and scout officials attended the camp. No one was sick going over on the boat. At Avalon the largest glass-bottom boat, the Emperor, took the Scouts to Catalina. The camp was divided into three divisions, the Coady, Carson, and the Crockett.

The local scouts joined the crockett troop. The troop that was promoted to the first points was promoted. Every one had to learn to swim or else he would be thrown off the raft.

The camp was in charge of Mr. Frank. There was a daily paper called the Daily Bull. There were plenty of boats for all.

In the evening the troops took turns giving a vandellie. Mr. Hewitt, national field commissioner, spent a few days at the camp. Goat meat was served all the time he was here.

The second day a hike to the top of Crockett Island, the highest point on the island (2290 feet).

Military tactics were conducted daily by Mr. Pollard.

The most of the most interesting things of the whole week was the snipe hunt. One night all the Crocketts went snipe hunting; 3 Owensmouth boys were left at the lantern to grab the snipe as they were attracted by the light, while the rest chased the snipe toward the light. Ask Ellis who snipe hunting is.

There was tent inspection every day. The Crocketts went the championship of the camp. Some eatal. The best thing may could try, including beans, watermelon, etc.

On the return trip the sea was very rough and several got sea sick.

The following Scoutmaster from Owensmouth: Armour and Harold Trelax, Alphas Knapp, Lloyd Carder, Eliza Cravens, Arthur Schilling, John and George Burch.

GEORGE BURCH, Correspondent.

Notice to Renters

Having a new Holtztrator, plows, etc., we are ready for all kinds of contract work. Write us below for the rush. All work guaranteed. Temporary address: B. D. R. 1008 Arapahoe St., Los Angeles, or Inquirer Gazette office.

The Belts of Davos.
 The first thing that strikes the stranger in Davos, Switzerland, and strikes him unpleasantly, is the belts. Not any one wears cow gut, but they wear his belt, but when they are all shut up for the night, they are all in one piece, then come the infernal, eternal din from every cart, carriage, and motor, and all other things which vibrate for hire or otherwise. No doubt they become a nuisance on the street, highways as winter progresses, but that does not render them one bit more palatable.

Qualified Preist.
 "Do you think your sister likes me, Willie?"
 "No, she stood up for you at dinner."

"Stood up for me! Was anybody saying anything against you?"
 "Oh, no; nothing much. Father said he thought you were rather a smarty, but his point on said you weren't and told father he ought to know better than judge a man by his looks."—Exchange.

Court Cards.
 At the present sitting the card rooms from the time of Charles VI. to that of Louis XVI. were luxuriously furnished. The counters were of mother-of-pearl or some other valuable substance. The cards were embossed with silver on white paper, and some were painted with the most famous miniature painter.

How They Became Acquainted

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

Ralph Emerson took the telephone book, and his eye down the E to Emerson and passed at the name Frank. He was desirous of calling up his name. When he came to the name he was looking for he took the receiver off the book and gave the number to the girl in the central office. It was not long before a feminine voice replied:

"Well? Was the reply in a melodious voice."

"I would like to speak with Frank."

"This was a brief pause, at the end of which Ralph said:

"I mean Frank Emerson."

"I am Frank Emerson."

Another pause.

"If you are Frank Emerson he must have been transposed into a woman—a woman with a sweet voice."

There was a bit of a laugh.

"Well, Frank," continued Ralph, "I have called you up to say that I have two tickets to the theater for this Tuesday night, one for you and one for me."

"There was quite a long pause after this, at the end of which Frank said:

"If you wish, you must have got hold of the wrong number. My father is down in the telephone book as Francis Emerson, and named for him, but I am Francis, not Francis."

"I see."

"Do you think that you will find my father's name just below papa's?"

"Well, can it do anything more for you?"

"Yes, can, but I fear you won't."

"What is it?"

"I wonder if you know any one I know?"

"Do you know the Meriwethers?"

"No; I don't know any one by that name."

"Do you know the Ostranders?"

"I don't know them either."

Ralph tried several others and finally said he knew the Busby's.

"Dr. Charles Busby's family?"

"Helen Busby is an intimate friend of mine."

"I know her very well. Now I shall say goodbye to you for the present, and I hope to see you sometime. Will you be at 47 the same afternoon between 2 and 4?"

"I expect to be at home all the afternoon."

"Goodbye."

"Really, I dare say you will find your brother's number."

"I have a card."

"Is that your Frank?"

"Yes."

"I'm Helen Busby. A friend of mine, Ralph Emerson, desires to know you, and wishes to bring his tin around to call upon you this afternoon."

"He, ha! Isn't that funny?"

"Why?"

"Never mind now, your friend will tell you."

"Your friend?"

"I tried to log off this tomorrow, but he talked me out."

"There was no log off this, and after two more communications remarks the receiver were hung up."

At 3 o'clock the same afternoon Mr. Emerson called on Mrs. Busby. He rang the door bell at Miss Emerson's. They were admitted, and Ralph looked upon the face and figure of the girl which he had fallen in love with through her mother. She was disappointed in her. Indeed, the face and figure were so attractive as the voice.

After a brief interchange of civilities Ralph said that he had exchanged the two seats he had held at the theater for three seats, and he invited both girls to use them with him.

It was at another moment that she, notwithstanding the briefness of Miss Emerson's acquaintance with him there was not the slightest reason why she should not accept the invitation.

At the next day Miss Emerson drove up to Miss Emerson's and they proceeded to the theater. After the first performance a supper, and by this time Mr. Emerson felt as well acquainted with Miss Emerson as he was with their mutual friend.

At the next day Miss Emerson was called up again by her new found admirer. "Just to listen for a few moments to that melodious voice of yours," he told her. Naturally she was pleased with the composition of the music, and before the telephone interview was finished she had made another acquaintance with Mr. Emerson. The same hours of powers and other indications of a lover's intentions and after a brief acquaintance a week later Mrs. Emerson in speaking of their first

meeting, "As soon as I discovered that you had called my number, I said, 'Hello, or how do you do?' 'Why didn't you?' 'I don't know, but I'm glad to hear from you.'"

"Suppose, I had. Where would have been my present happiness? I think I'm glad to see you very well. I didn't see you on our brief telephone interview as an introduction. I arranged everything according to the most satisfactory rule of etiquette."

So, the matter in which Mr. Emerson made his wife's acquaintance is well known to their friends and is considered quite a romantic episode.

From that day this I have treated to as a matter of my heart—the woman, real, spiritual or creation of my own brain. I have a theory of who she is or was. When I was a child I played with a little girl who died. Did I discern anything in the features of the woman to remind me of the child? No. A grown woman bears little resemblance to a child. But would the spiritual child grow after death? Not necessarily. I have a theory of who she is or was. When I was a child I played with a little girl who died. Did I discern anything in the features of the woman to remind me of the child? No. A grown woman bears little resemblance to a child. But would the spiritual child grow after death? Not necessarily. I have a theory of who she is or was. When I was a child I played with a little girl who died. Did I discern anything in the features of the woman to remind me of the child? No. A grown woman bears little resemblance to a child. But would the spiritual child grow after death? Not necessarily. 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