

THE BEAN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION MAY MAKE BENEFIT TO ALL

In line with the action taken at a meeting of the local growers about two months past, the Owensmouth Bean Growers Association has been duly organized, and at a public meeting held Wednesday, the 19th, the by-laws and plan of organization was laid before the local growers.

It is proposed that the local organization be affiliated with the California Lima Bean Growers, who have operated successfully during the past two seasons, and who have now changed their by-laws in such a way that they can handle all kinds of dried California beans. The headquarters of the latter organization is at Oxnard, and Mr. Churchill, the secretary and manager of the association, was at the Owensmouth meeting. He gave a short talk, telling the growers why co-operative marketing next season would be needed by them more than ever before.

The acreage so far signed up indicates that there will be at least 10,000 bags of beans of various varieties to be handled by the new association next season, and many more growers have signified their intention of joining.

A similar meeting was held the same evening at Van Nuys, and the growers in that district are going forward with a like organization; it is said to be affiliated with the General Sales Agency at Oxnard. Various districts in Orange county have formed local associations, and we look to see the California Lima Bean Growers Association next season one of the biggest factors in the California bean market.

In the entire valley last season there were planted about 17,000 acres of beans, mostly Tepary and Henderson Bush. Next season there will be fully 20,000 acres, and the same varieties will be favorites. Our local growers are eagerly following the methods that have proven successful in Ventura county in the winter cultivation of their bean land, namely, they are keeping the ground clean of all vegetation.

The government has firmly shut down on the future sales of any of next season's beans, so there will be no contracting of this commodity during the coming spring. The incentive also is largely removed, as most of the bean men of the valley have retained their seed. Last season seed was scarce and prices high, causing many growers to sell their crop before planting in order to get the seed which they buyers were only too willing to loan them.

It is far too early now to predict prices for next year's crop. The local market is slightly lower than the prices obtained sixty days past, but a better market is expected after the first of the year. There are at present twenty cars of beans in the local warehouses still unsold and in the hands of the growers.

WINTER SCHEDULE

COMMENCING JANUARY 1ST, 1918

GORNELL AND LOS ANGELES MAIL STAGE

Via

TRUNFO, CALABASS AND OWENSMOUTH

Leave Gornell 6:30 A. M. Leave Trunfo 6:50 A. M. Leave Calabass 8:30 A. M. Leave Owensmouth 9:00 A. M. Leave Los Angeles 11:00 A. M. Leave Trunfo Sunday 8:00 A. M. Leave Los Angeles Sunday 9:00 P. M.

JOHN WIT, Proprietor

OWENSMOUTH BEAN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNAN M. GRAVER, Recorder. Mrs. Hawthorn spent Saturday in Los Angeles on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Snider will spend Xmas day in Los Angeles with friends and relatives.

Mr. Worth and Mr. Kaufman are seen quite frequently on the streets driving their Ford.

The Owensmouth Feed & Fuel Co. has received a shipment of reelected Texas Red Oats.—Adv.

Mrs. Ann Johnson and Mrs. Proctor have been visiting relatives in Monterey and Los Angeles.

Mrs. McDonald of Lodi has been spending part of her Xmas holidays at her home in Chatsworth.

The Red Cross has been doing a good deal of work lately in the camp. A further notice will be printed next week.

Harold F. Johnson has been transferred from Anza Island, Cal., to Texas. He is now in Texas somewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gray and children have moved to Los Angeles, where the former will take up police work.

Mrs. Bryant and children are home again after a long visit with friends and relatives in Oklahoma.

A mistake was made two weeks ago about the banner #10076 was cleared, and the Ladies' Aid certainly deserve the credit for raising that mark.

Mrs. Barzen and brother, Mr. Sabben, and son, of Pasadena, returned from their trip to San Francisco, they stopped over Friday night in Chatsworth and visited friends.

Miss Susan Hinchey is entertaining for a few days, Miss Oleta Pancher, of Long Beach. Miss Fancher is a former resident of Chatsworth, and her many friends welcome her back.

The Xmas program, given on Sunday morning between 9 and 11 o'clock, was enjoyed by all that were present. Glen Simpson, Elvin Hawthorn's Lucille McKinnon, Mary Thomas and Gilbert Shawdick, among others, were the smallest to make speeches. These children certainly did well for the first time to speak in public. There were many that attended this program, and they all enjoyed it immensely.

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PASADENA, NEW YEAR'S DAY

This Year Greater Than Ever—A Gigantic Demonstration of Southern California's Patriotism—Proceeds to Go to the Red Cross

All previous pageantry of the Southland's Matchless Midwinter Flowers and Sunshine and the City of the Waxtime Interpretation of the World-Famous Tournament.

More, Floral Magic—Band—Soldiers—Sailors—Marines—then ever assembled at one time before in the Striving and Wonderful Parade at 10 1/2 o'clock.

Football—Navy vs. Army. The Famous Marine Corps Eleven, representing the Navy Department, will meet the crack Camp Lewis Team from American Lake, Wash., representing the Army. Tournament Park, Pasadena, 2:15 p. m.

Grand Military and Patriotic Ball at night.—adv.

ROSE TOURNAMENT BEING HELD TO BE THE NEW YEAR'S EVENT

The Tournament of Roses at Pasadena New Year's day will be really a tournament of the cities—all the cities of Southern California. All of them will be represented in the world-famous midwinter floral parade on New Year's morning, and in the throng anticipated at 300,000 persons that will see it.

Which city will evolve the most striking, most beautiful and most appropriate float with flowers and doublets—pretty girls in the theme of this season's tournament—patriotic? Truth arriving every day, two sections are bringing hosts to winter visitors from the East who join with Southern Californians in judging them all when the parade passes by.

The parade this season, the Tournament executives confidently announce, will be longer, more beautiful, more diversified than ever before. To be sure, they say that every year. And it is invariably true.

Bands there will be plenty, among them the famous Naval band from San Pedro. At the big assembly at Tournament Park in the afternoon of the Tournament, for the benefit of the Red Cross, the Navy band will play maritime airs to encourage the Mars Island Marines to victory, whereas, a crack Army band from one of the contingents will play the march in martial music to the Army players, the whirling Camp Lewis eleven from American Lake.

Both of the football teams are now on the way to the Tournament city, where they will engage in final practice before the championship match New Year's day that is to settle the gridiron title of Uncle Sam's land and sea forces for Western America.

BEAN CONTRACTS VALID

The Hogue-Kellogg Company has won the first round in a suit brought before Judge Jackson by E. T. Lodge to dissolve an attachment in a bean contract case. The attachment was in favor of the Hogue-Kellogg Company, which had contracted with Mr. Lodge for beans at 6 cents a pound. A partial delivery of about 46,000 pounds was made, it seems, but Mr. Lodge refused to deliver the balance of the order. The Hogue-Kellogg Company sued for the difference in the value of the beans, which had gone to 10 cents a pound.

The company sued out a writ of attachment and, it appears, led the case as well as Mr. Lodge. It was decided to proceed to the organization of a local branch of the California Lima Bean Growers' Association.

About 20 bean growers were present at a meeting held in Van Nuys last Wednesday evening. It was decided to proceed to the organization of a local branch of the California Lima Bean Growers' Association.

Lucy Hyden received many compliments on the manner in which she played the part of the busy housewife, triotic number during the recent installation of officers at the Van Nuys Eastern Star.

We want your subscription. When you receive this paper, if you don't see the name in the Gazette, it is strictly house paper, and it is time to get all the news.

Personal and Local Notes

Reelected barley for seed at the Owensmouth Feed & Fuel Co.—Adv.

Miss Hankin of Long Beach arrived Christmas with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Thomson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Paulson spent Christmas with the latter's parents in Santa Ana.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Craven entertained Mr. and Mrs. H. Brubaker on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clemson are spending the holiday season with their parents in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Treiler and family spent Christmas with the former's sister and family at Elsinore.

The Epworth League remembered a number of the State bank with a neat copy of the New Testament.

Officer C. W. Steine and family have rented the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Ketchum and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Kelly had as guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. F. Booker and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Samej Martin and family of Van Nuys took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Burch and family.

Mrs. J. V. Carr entertained a company of Owensmouth, Van Nuys and Marian friends at her home on Sherman way, on Wednesday evening.

V. R. Long displayed his artistic talent in arranging in the show window of the J. C. Condon store, one of the best displays ever seen in Owensmouth.

I. W. Ketchum, formerly assistant cashier of the State bank of Owensmouth, together with his mother and sister, moved to Pasadena this week, where they will make their future home.

The display of holiday goods in the windows of the G. W. West store attracted many complimentary remarks from visitors. The goods were most tastefully arranged and the window perfectly decorated.

Miss Ruth Ely was recently installed as an officer in the Eastern Star lodge at Van Nuys. Mrs. L. C. Kimball, first lady, also attended as marshal on the same evening. A number of Owensmouth people attended the impressive ceremonies.

Local draft exemption boards are now constituted, and recruiting officers, according to a recent ruling of the War Department. Registrants may now enlist with the local board in certain parts of the service. Full particulars may be obtained at the Van Nuys City Hall, where the headquarters of the board for this district are located.

Several instances are reported in which drivers of autos have disregarded the barriers placed along streets where repair work is in progress. Much damage to the property of others done in this manner. Engineer M. D. Williams states that unless these barriers are respected by the offending parties will be arrested and fined—the law allows a maximum penalty of \$50.

"And you do not charge me with it?" "No, for what?" "I was the thief." "No thief at all. You got into my own instead of your own. You took my letter, thinking I was your." "I was mistaken with Miss Bradley if I saw addressed to me." "God!" I exclaimed.

"For what?" she asked. "You know that I was the thief." "No, for what?" "I was the thief." "No, for what?" "I was the thief." "No, for what?" "I was the thief." "No, for what?" "I was the thief."

"Only the satisfaction and the pleasure I read nothing more."

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Has the Habb. 'Is abs a bride?'"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE QUESTIONNAIRES

The Questionnaires being used by the U. S. War Department in the classification of registrants now being mailed in this district on the following schedule:

Table with 2 columns: Order No. and Dates. Dec 17-Order No. 1 to 38 inclusive, 18 - 39 to 77 inclusive, 19 - 78 to 119 inclusive, 20 - 120 to 164 inclusive, 21 - 165 to 216 inclusive, 22 - 217 to 275 inclusive, 23 - 277 to 344 inclusive, 24 - 345 to 385 inclusive, 25 - 386 to 429 inclusive, 26 - 430 to 453 inclusive, 27 - 454 to 490 inclusive, 28 - 491 to 525 inclusive, 29 - 526 to 559 inclusive, 30 - 560 to 582 inclusive, 31 - 583 to 624 inclusive, 32 - 625 to 674 inclusive, 33 - 675 to 724 inclusive, 34 - 725 to 756 inclusive.

List of names with the order and serial numbers are posted on the bulletin board outside the city hall at Van Nuys, where any person can see them. Free legal advice will be furnished at the following time and place:

At Van Nuys (City Hall)—Thursday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings of each week, 7 to 9 o'clock. Saturday afternoon, 1 to 5, by Attorney Robert Fulton.

At Owensmouth (High School)—Tuesday and Saturday of each week, 10 to 6 p. m. by Attorney J. C. Craig.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

Notable activity in farm lands in the Los Angeles Valley is reported by J. M. Johnson Company. Following are sales for the past month in the Van Nuys, Marian and Owensmouth districts reported by the company:

To Thos. and Milton Dally, 120 acres at Owensmouth; to Windell Dally, 310 acres at Van Nuys; to J. G. Shady acre; to Thomas Hill, forty acres; to R. O. Marquis, forty acres; to Wm. Friedrich, 150 acres; to V. Foley, forty acres; to Mrs. Jessie Gordon, thirty-five acres; to Thos. Richardson, ten acres; to Gene Trubbs, forty acres; reported by the company.

Owensmouth; to Ben Trott, ten acres at Owensmouth; to John Lorrinshan, forty acres; and to John Wilson, forty acres. The total sales for the month are given as over \$400,000.

H. M. Ballou of Los Angeles was an Owensmouth visitor last week. He came to close a deal with Carl Iverson for the lease of Mr. Ballou's 60-acre tract on Canoga avenue, just north of Roocost street. Mr. Iverson plans to send a large portion of the land to alfalfa the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Barrett, Miss Millie Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill of Los Angeles, took dinner with the company at the hotel on Christmas the party spent the day at Santa Monica.

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to all!

**DIVERSIFIED
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Draft Exemption Board is being cooperation on the part of those at and War Department to assist out the Questionnaires now being sent Man. Attorney J. C. Craig agent valuable service by devoting to this patriotic work. The only this end of the valley was one grand. This work will continue as urgent need for more volunteers!

H. J. WHITLEY with
"MAKE

BE A BOOSTER



The best way to boost this town is to SPEND YOUR MONEY HERE.

The local merchant CAN AND WILL sell you goods as cheaply as you can get them elsewhere.

You can buy anything in this town from a needle to an anchor.

RAVAGES OF RATS.

Why and How Man Should Strive to Exterminate the Rodents.

The only wild animal that lives under the same roof with man is the rat, says the Literary Digest. We pay for its keep, although we are not on friendly terms with it. In return it plagues us in many ways. It gnaws our walls and furniture, steals our food and, above all, is active in the spread of disease. The annual rat bill of the United States for food alone is estimated by Mary Dudderdige, writing in the Forecast, at \$160,000,000. The rat not only disseminates bubonic plague, but carries typhoid worms, trichinae, fleas, roundworms and other parasites, besides being suspected as an active agent in communicating leprosy and infantile paralysis. It can gnaw through any common building material except stone, hard cement, glass and iron. It destroys whole fields of grain, climbs trees to steal fruits, eats both fowls and their eggs and destroys game. It steals costly furs and laces for its nests when it can get them. Much of our annual loss by fire is due to the rat, and it also starts floods by burrowing in dams and levees.

The modern way of attacking the rat, this writer says, "is to build it out." The reroofing of buildings is described as "a cheap form of insurance against fire and pestilence."

Miss Dudderdige continues: "When rats get into reroofed buildings we have to resort to traps and poison to get them out, the former being the least objectionable. In the use of traps it must be borne in mind that the rat is extremely cautious and will not enter strange looking contrivances in search of food if plenty of other nourishment that is not open to suspicion is available. The trap should be strong enough so that the rat cannot force its head between the wire and escape and should be dipped in boiling water or smoked before being set, to kill the human smell or that of rats previously caught. It should not be placed in an open space, but along the wall or in a narrow runway, for the rat's vision is somewhat defective in the darkness, and, depending on its whiskers as a guide, it has to keep close to some wall or other boundary. Fish makes an excellent bait, but any odorous edible different from the animal's customary diet is likely to attract it. Poisoning should not be resorted to in dwellings, and some of the most efficient poisons are so dangerous that they should be used only by experts."

One of the largest and most cumbersome forms of money is found in central Africa, where the native uses a cruciform ingot of copper ore over ten inches long.

A Happy New Year

TO ALL!

J. G. GONDON

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Tickets on sale December 21-22-23-24-25-28-29-30-31 and January 1.

Return limit on all tickets January 7, 1918.

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H. W. Plumbing

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has asked them to corrupt or criticize before the people that might be misled and where in many cases it is now who is making good, and probably his letter is not intended to reach such a large number of people who have additions, or not at all, and do not have and make mistakes and get so far in doubt as to be taken in the right spirit, as to assume that I know more than you. I am sure that you will find it a most useful work a study for a great many of us, and I feel it my duty to ask that wish may be benefited by any suggestion.

"Respectfully yours,

WAR'S PRICES

I WENT into the store the other day and traded seven quarts of honey for a 50-lb. sack of flour. It was an even, square, cash deal. The season I produced the honey it was selling at 21 cts. a pound or less. The next year the dealers would not buy honey at any price. The market in honey was dead.

I had to devise methods for the storage and keeping; and also the proper methods for the eating of honey. I put the honey into tanks of a particular size and form and keep the tanks setting in the sun in an open field, where the soil is rich in iron. Then I up the soil moist and cultivated all about the tanks of honey. Honey requires the same treatment that is required to keep a tree in thrifty, growing condition.

Unless the iron of honey is kept active it dies and after the iron injured a different form of life develops in the honey that is in the form of sulphur, which is a gas. It is the moist earth and its tillage that drives the sulphur out. The moist gas from the stirred soil operates to chase the sulphurous germs away and attract those of iron. Iron produces red. Red indicates that the molecules are inactive. Yellow indicates that the molecules are about to die, and the white indicates that the molecules have already died.

If our food gets too dry during hot weather it turns yellow and if it gets too dry in cold weather it turns whitish-blue. Yellow and white are the disease producers. Red and blue cure diseases because they produce activity in the molecules. Activity of the molecules is produced by sunshine and water. Red honey or red fruits are composed of condensed sunshine, and as we eat them it produces "Harnessed Sunbeams."

To cure diseases all that is required is to start the action of the molecules again. This is done by eating red honey or red fruits and drinking water following it. Life itself is nothing more nor less than the force of the sun's rays acting on the molecules.

When red honey is eaten along with cool, pure water it acts on the machinery of the body like taking out the old, run down mainspring of a watch and putting in a new one that has just been wound up; and if you continue to eat wrong the "works" on the new spring of the body will fail to respond to the attentions of a new mainspring. You will have "gone over the dam," so far as regaining health.

Instead of trying to plug up that hole in the front of your head try "taking" honey as disease remedy. For instance, for supper, take a small half-teaspoon of red ripe honey and sip it slowly. Then drink a glassful of cool, pure water out of a spring. Then "take" another half-teaspoon of red ripe honey and then another glass of water. Another half-teaspoon of red ripe honey, and another glass of water. Keep eating and drinking until you can hold no more.

You will be able to drink four or five quarts of water. Along toward the last eat five or six mouthfuls of cooked beans or raw onions. The food makes you drowsy and tired. You go to bed and sleep in five minutes; and do not wake up until 5 in the morning.

On waking in the morning your first thought is, where all of that water went to? It's all gone, and yet you haven't been up during the night. But it shows the third of the cells for water. And the pain and aches were made by the want of water. No matter what the name of the disease, if disease is disease, no matter where it goes.

Disease and pain are produced by air getting into the blood and setting up the atmospheric ferment in weakened tissues. When honey is red ripe it cannot ferment.

C. W. DAYTON, OWENSMOUTH, CAL.
Red Ribbon and Fruit Man
Released Texas Red Oats at the Owensmouth Feed & Fuel Co.—Ad.

A BLUNDER

By F. A. MITCHEL

I arrived at Benham's house party at 5 p. m., was shown to my room on the third floor and dressed for dinner. The entrance was the first to be made after leaving the staircase. During the evening I had occasion to go to my room for something I needed and went upstairs thinking of Edith Dudley, whom I had met at dinner for the first time and with whom I suddenly became violently smitten. Indeed, I was so absorbed in her that I had a precious husband of a staircase before me before I think I would have walked over his edge.

Turning into a room on the second floor instead of my own on the third I advanced to a chair on which I had deposited my suit case. There was a bright light in the hall, so I did not turn to the one in the room. The suit case lay open, and, putting my hand there I expected to find a letter for which I had come. I seized it and went looking at it and went downstairs and rejoined Miss Dudley.

"Now, I will prove to you," I said to her, "that Bordeaux is in the department of the Pacific. Bordeaux is a town here today from a consignment of mine which will convince you." There was little light in the hall, so I was sitting, so I took the letter to a lamp on a table near by. Taking the letter from its envelope, I was astonished to read the words "Dearest Ralph." Something was wrong. Glancing at the signature, I was more surprised to read "Edith." Instantly replacing the letter in its envelope, I hastily returned to my room.

"It seems that I have held of the wrong document," I murmured to Miss Dudley, I stammered something, I scarcely knew what, and went on trying to convince her that other means of Bordeaux, France, was in the department of the Pacific. But I didn't care if Bordeaux was at the north pole. I had just got into the wrong room and appropriated some one's private correspondence. Since Miss Dudley was, for my sake, I knew, the only Edith in the house. It was very likely that I had just received a letter from her to some-one named Ralph.

The only true course for me to have taken was to bring the matter out at once, but I was so rattled at discovering the mistake that I errored in the first place, and, having done so, it was all the more difficult to get on the right track. Miss Dudley was indeed very kind to my embarrassment that something was not right with me, but if she did she made no comments.

I made an excuse to retire early and went to my room on the second floor. If ever a man was in a contumacious position I was. Added to the fact that I had appropriated private correspondence was the fact that I was agitated with the girl from whom I had taken the letter. I might discover my loss at any time. When she did would she suspect me? What should I do? (Confound it!) I did, what excuse had I for not having confessed in the first place?

I lay awake half the night trying to make up my mind what course to take in the morning. I must take some course, for I could not meet Miss Dudley with her letter in my possession and say nothing about it. I arose in the morning feeling that a load was on me and I had formed no plan of removing it. I met Miss Dudley at breakfast, and the pleasant smile she gave me, instead of relieving me, made me feel more guilty than I did and treated me contemptuously. Perhaps if she knew the truth she would decide to speak to me. Oh, the horror of her outburst!

After breakfast I asked her to walk in the flower, intending to give my letter to her. We went into the flower garden, and I wrestled with myself to get out what I wished to say. I only showed that my mind was on another subject than my companion. Finally I signed hysterically and turned toward the house.

"You have something on your mind," said Edith.

"I have."

"You need not tell me what it is, for I know already."

"Yes, know?"

"Oh, I have very sharp eyes. Last night when you took that letter from my pocket I recognized it as belonging to me."

"As soon as I returned to my room I looked for my letter. It was gone."

"And you knew that it was the thief?"

"No, I don't at all. You got into my room instead of your room and took my letter, thinking it was yours."

"If I was smitten with Miss Dudley before I was told her name."

"Thank God!" exclaimed.

"For what?" she asked.

"That you do not charge the theft with—"

"Nonsense." How much of letter did you see before you discovered your mistake?"

"Only the signature and the signature. I read nothing more."

"Of course you don't. To say you didn't is unnecessary."

"And now that I was out of danger what was the next thing to absorb my attention?"

"May I ask?" I said. "If this—that is—"

"Yes, you may say anything you like. I was engaged to him till recently, and my engagement was broken. This letter, the last I wrote him—was returned on my request yesterday."

"It was not long before I received a letter from Edith beginning 'Dearest John.'"

A Bride on the Minute.

It was a most ludicrous mistake. She imagined her wedding day was Wednesday, when in truth it was Wednesday, when in truth it was Wednesday to take place till the day after.

"Of just like a woman. And every-thing went awry, and the bride-groom gnashed his teeth. I suppose—"

"Well, hardly. In fact, every-thing turned out beautifully. By making the error, unfortunately she was dressed in time, and the ceremonies were pulled off according to schedule."—St. Louis Republic.

Has the Habit.
"An inveterate one"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Owensmouth Directory

Owensmouth Branch Red Cross
President—Mrs. D. C. Mason.
Secretary—Miss Clara Woodbury.
Meets for work each Wednesday afternoon in the Lydiate Block.

Chatsworth Branch Red Cross
Chairman—Mrs. D. C. Mason.
Secretary—Mrs. N. C. Gray.

W. O. J. Hall
Mails arrive and depart from Owensmouth as follows:
Arrive from Los Angeles and Eastern points at 10:30 a. m. and 1:35 p. m.
Leave for Sacramento, Triunfo, Correll and Yuba Street at 8:30 a. m.

Mails leave for Sacramento and Eastern points at 9:25 a. m. and 1:45 p. m.
Mail boxes for Calhoun, Triunfo, Correll and Yuba Street, 8:20 a. m.

Owensmouth Public Library
Syracuse Block. Mrs. Anna Galloway, Librarian. Open daily except Sunday from 10:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m.

Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce
President—W. E. Reuchelshamer.
Secretary—G. K. Kramer.
Meets on last Saturday evening of each month at 8 o'clock in the Lydiate school auditorium.

Owensmouth Women's Club
President—Mrs. Ed. Morris.
Secretary—Mrs. W. E. Beckler.
Meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at homes of members.

Owensmouth High School
Principal—G. W. Moore.

Owensmouth Grammar School
Principal—Joseph Grant.

Lydiate Aid Society
President—Mrs. W. B. Hyde.
Secretary—Mrs. Wm. Melrose.
Meets every week on Thursday at 2:30 at the homes of members.

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

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

West End Parent Teachers' Association
President—Mrs. Wm. A. Cook.
Secretary—Mrs. Wm. E. Beckler.
Meets on the first Friday evening of each month.

(This association includes the school districts of Owensmouth, Chatsworth, Calhoun, Liberty, Los Virgenes, Correll, Ducker, Mount Olive, Correll, Merced.)

Owensmouth Branch Boy Scouts of America
President—G. W. Moore.
Secretary—Clara Davis.
Treasurer—W. E. Beckler, John Bass, G. W. Moore, W. E. Reuchelshamer.

Venison Producers
Cooperatively Associated for marketing (and for the production of) venison, Calhoun, Owensmouth, Warehouse and West End.

Owensmouth Branch Boy Scouts of America
Scout Master—G. E. Goodall.
Scout at Service—Wayne Davis.
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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION FOR 1918

The brightest men of this country and those with the highest ideals will write for The Youth's Companion in 1918. Ideas in reading matter count in these days, and it is worth everything to keep in the mental company of ex-President Taft, Alexander Graham Bell, Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, John Burroughs, Maurice F. Egan, United States Minister to Denmark, Agnes Repplier, Dr. Rupert Blue, Walter Camp, General Charles King and other great contributors for 1918. The Companion will have its great run of serials and short stories. It will give the clearest and most reliable summary of the progress of the great war. At the same time the regular departments will be maintained in all their profusion and variety.

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—Ady.

Pacific Electric Time Card

In effect Thursday, Aug. 24, 1918, between Owensmouth and Los Angeles, as follows:

| Leave | Arrive |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Owensmouth 6:20 a.m. | 7:40 a.m. |
| 8:00 a.m. | 9:04 a.m. |
| 10:00 a.m. | 10:14 a.m. |
| 12:00 p.m. | 1:04 p.m. |
| 2:00 p.m. | 2:58 p.m. |
| 4:00 p.m. | 4:52 p.m. |
| 6:00 p.m. | 7:06 p.m. |
| 8:00 p.m. | 7:50 p.m. |
| 10:00 p.m. | 10:54 p.m. |
| 11:00 p.m. | 11:48 p.m. |
| 12:00 a.m. | 1:02 a.m. |
| Leave | Arrive |
| L. A. 7:15 a.m. | Owensmouth 8:35 a.m. |
| 8:30 a.m. | 9:55 a.m. |
| 10:30 a.m. | 11:50 a.m. |
| 12:30 p.m. | 1:35 p.m. |
| 2:30 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. |
| 4:30 p.m. | 5:25 p.m. |
| 6:30 p.m. | 7:20 p.m. |
| 8:30 p.m. | 9:15 p.m. |
| 10:30 p.m. | 11:10 p.m. |
| 11:30 p.m. | 12:05 p.m. |

* Express and passenger combination car. Sunday passenger car only. Transfer at N. Sherman Way and from San Fernando. * Transfer at N. Sherman Way to car from Owensmouth. * Transfer from Highland Ave. to 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
10-ride family book..... \$1.00
10-ride individual book..... .75
10-ride individual book..... .90
Single fare..... .12
Round trip fare..... .115
Between Owensmouth and Van Nuys
10-ride family book..... \$1.00
10-ride individual book..... .75
10-ride individual book..... .90
Single fare..... .12
Round trip fare..... .115
Van Nuys, 15.20 miles; Hanna, 21.24 miles; Bolano, 21.24 miles; Marsh, 25.41 miles; El Nogal, 27.43 miles; Owensmouth, 23.44 miles.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO. AT OWENSMOUTH, CAL.

TIME TABLE
No. 41 Mixed for Oxnard..... 9:56 A.M.
No. 40 From Oxnard, Mixed..... 11:56 A.M.
Nos. 40 and 41 run between Los Angeles and Oxnard via Chatsworth, Owensmouth, Van Nuys and Lancaster, and carry passengers.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO. AT CHATSWORTH, CAL.

TIME TABLE
Westward:
No. 10—From San Francisco..... 9:57 pm
No. 19 Santa Barbara..... 4:57 pm
No. 21, from Santa Barbara..... 9:25 pm
Eastward:
No. 21 Santa Barbara..... 10:02 am
No. 80 Bix Barbara, Local..... 3:57 pm
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Flowers and Sunshine outdoor in
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World-Famous Tournament—
More Floral Magic—Bands—
Soldiers—Sailors—Marines—than
ever assembled at one time before
in the Stirring and Wonderful Pa-
rade at 10:15 o'clock.

Football—Navy vs. Army. The
Famous Marine Corps Eleven, re-
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will meet the crack Camp Lewis
Team from American Lake, Wash.,
representing the army. Tournam-
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ous cabbage plants for sale. In-
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Get one of those wheel hoes at
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Lines, account Christmas and
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January 7, 1918.

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Wonders will take you 'most
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Personal and Local Notes

Recessed barley for seed at the
Owensmouth Feed & Fuel Co.—Adv.

The American Beet Sugar Com-
pany is negotiating for several tracts of land
in the valley on which to establish
permanent labor camps for its help in
sugar beet production. Giving labor
free rent, it is believed, will help the
labor question in the valley.

Mrs. Anne Bridges received on Tues-
day a telegram from her son, death
suffering Christmas greetings to the
family, also to all Owensmouth friends.
She is now stationed at Fort McJannet,
on Angel Island, where he is em-
ployed as telegraph operator for the
U. S. Army.

About December 15, blanks contain-
ing questionnaires to be used by the
local exemption board in making the
new classifications required for the
second draft will be mailed to each
registered man. These forms must be
completed and returned within 7 days.
Every registrant except those already
inducted into the service must answer
these questions promptly. Legal ad-
vice will be arranged for without ex-
pense to the men.

H. A. Carlson, formerly of Carpen-
teria, has moved into the Atkinson
house, at the corner of Sherman Way
and Shoup avenue. Mr. Carlson re-
cently purchased this place with a
view to locating permanently in Owen-
mouth with his family. He has for
some time been associated with the J.
M. Johnson Realty Company, and has
the reputation of being an excellent
salesman. It is reported that he has
sold sufficient property in this valley
during the past year to net him several
thousand dollars in commissions. He
has great faith in the future of Owen-
mouth and vicinity, and will continue
to locate Ventura county farmers here
as opportunity offers.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION CALEN- DAR FOR 1918

The Youth's Companion Practice
Home Calendar combines the beautiful
with the useful. It is especially sought
after by busy people, because it gives at
one glance not only the days of the cur-
rent month, but those of the month
preceding and the month following, all
on one leaf. At the same time the
calendar is decorative in design and
suitable for a place in the best room in
the house. It is given to all readers of
The Youth's Companion who have paid
their subscriptions for 1918.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolutions of con-
dolence have been adopted by the Owen-
mouth Chamber of Commerce:
Whereas, It has pleased Divine Pro-
vidence to remove from our midst our
beloved brother and fellow citizen,
John Haas; and

Whereas, This body feels that in his
death the community has suffered an
irreparable loss; therefore,

Resolved, That the Owensmouth
Chamber of Commerce, of which de-
ceased was an honorable and faithful
member, hereby conveys to the be-
loved family its sincere sympathy in
this, their great bereavement; and
Resolved, That a copy of these reso-
lutions be spread upon the minutes of
this organization and a copy published
in the local paper.

W. B. BECHTELHEIMER,
President.
G. F. KELLEY,
Secretary.

A NICE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Saturday Evening Post, \$1.50 per
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Ladies' Home Journal, \$1.50.
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A year's subscription to one of the
above high class periodicals will be
an acceptable gift to any person,
young or old. See

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

013153
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
(Non-Cool Lands)
No Withdrawals
(Appraised under 024403, Robert H.
Meridian, et al.)

Department of the Interior, U. S.
Land Office at Los Angeles, Cal.,
November 12, 1917.
NOTICE is hereby given that Wil-
liam E. Trinitat, whose postoffice ad-
dress is 1227 Second St., Santa Monica,
California, filed on the 1st day of No-
vember, 1917, in this office Sworn
Statement and Application, No. 010103,
to purchase the NW 1/4, Section 29,
Township 1 South, Range 17 West, S. B.
Meridian, and the timber thereon,
under the provisions of the act of June
23, 1878, and acts amendatory, known
as the "Timber and Stone Law," at
such value as might be fixed by ap-
praisal, and that, pursuant to such
application, the land and timber there-
on have been appraised, \$200.00, the
timber estimated at \$100.00 and the
land \$100.00; that said applicant will
offer final proof in support of his ap-
plication and sworn statement on the
22nd day of January, 1918, before Reg-
ister and Receiver, U. S. Land Office,
Los Angeles, California.

Any person is at liberty to protest
this purchase before entry, or initiate
a contest at any time before patent
issues, by filing a corroborated aff-
idavit in this office, alleging facts which
would defeat the entry.
JOHN D. ROCHE,
Register.

022746 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(Not Cool Land)
No Withdrawals
Department of the Interior, U. S.
Land Office at Los Angeles, California,
November 12, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that Bruno
O. Purdy of Yerba Buena, Ventura
County, Cal., who, on February 20,
1914, made Homestead Entry, No.
022746, for lot 4, section 4, lots 1 and
2, N 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, Township 1
South, Range 20 West, S. B. Meridian,
has filed notice of intention to make
three-year Proof, to establish claim to
the land above described, before Reg-
ister and Receiver, U. S. Land Office,
Los Angeles, California, on the 5th
day of January, 1918, at 9 A. M.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Nora Helen Mundal, of Yerba Buena,
California.
Waynes Leroy Calder, of Yerba Buena,
California.
David Jerome Hallowell, of Yerba
Buena, California.
Charles Callesser, of Yerba Buena,
California.

JOHN D. ROCHE,
Register.

023288 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(Non-Cool Lands)
No Withdrawals
Department of the Interior, U. S.
Land Office at Los Angeles, California,
November 27, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that Jerome
S. Kington, of Calabasas, California,
who, on April 15, 1914, made home-
stead entry, No. 023288, for SW 1/4,
NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 1
South, Range 17 West, S. B. Meridian,
has filed notice of intention to
make three-year proof, to establish
claim to the land above described, be-
fore Register and Receiver, U. S. Land
Office, at Los Angeles, California, on the
7th day of February, 1918, at 9
A. M.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Roy Horton, of Calabasas, Cal.
Posey Horton, of Calabasas, Cal.
Johnie Houghland, of Pasadena, Cal.
Frank Mendenhall, of Los Angeles,
Cal.

JOHN D. ROCHE,
Register.

NOTICE TO REGISTERED MEN!

Notice is hereby given to all registered men in Owensmouth, Chatsworth, Calabasas, Zelzah, Marian and contiguous territory, that Attorney J. C. Craig will be at Owensmouth HI School on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29, to assist registrants in filling out the Questionnaires to be mailed each man. Beginning Dec. 15, the blanks will be mailed daily at the rate of 1 per cent of the total list. Don't ask the Exemption Board to assist you with the Questionnaires—the attorney will give you all desired information.

Those who cannot come on Saturday should inquire at the Owensmouth Postoffice or HI School for future dates. Attorney Craig will meet registrants whenever requested to do so. He plans to be at the HI school each Tuesday and Saturday afternoon.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS
Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, Etc.
GEO. W. WEST
Owensmouth, Cal.

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ORNAMENTAL Trees**

GEO. F. BEALES, Nurseryman and Orchardist
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LOCALS

Joe McDonald now has a phone at his residence—11834.

An open meeting of the Lankerkin Women's Club will be held Jan. 4. Miss Mary Foy of Los Angeles will speak on "Emergency War Work."

Mrs. LeGrange and daughter Miss May and Mrs. Anna Burleigh of Los Angeles spent the Christmas holidays as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morris and family.

Corporal Roy Pierce Ballah of Camp Kearney spent Christmas as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ely and daughter, Miss Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ely were also dinner guests.

Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Lindsey had as Christmas guests the doctor's mother, Mrs. Ella Lindsey of Los Angeles, his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coker of Los Angeles, and her brother, B. S. Coulter, of Cucamonga; also Mrs. Anna Bridges and daughter, Miss Zulah.

In order to expedite the work of the draft examination boards it is necessary to have more assistance. The following persons are hereby requested to help registered men in filling out their Questionnaires: G. W. Monroe, Joseph Gerard, N. A. Gray, E. G. Harold and J. P. Jenal. Official Instructions may be seen at the postoffice.

The West Ranch at Marian was the scene of a delightful gathering on Christmas Day, when Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith entertained at dinner, followed by a "Gift Tree." The guests included Mrs. Smith's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Page of Glendale, Mr. F. H. Johnson of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Dodge, Kathleen and Fred Lodge of Glendale, Wm. Jeffrey of Owensmouth, H. and Mrs. Alex Jeffrey, Nelda and Clarence Jeffrey, Lucille and Jack Smith, Marian.

Frank Finzell, R. Crawford, J. Michel and J. Caldwell had a narrow escape from instant death Thursday afternoon when the auto in which they were riding was demolished by an electric car. They were employed by Contractor Caldwell of Van Nuys on a new house at Marian. They had just quit work for the day when the accident occurred.

John F. Finzell, who was killed, was driving in said to be slightly deaf, which partially explains his error in driving directly in front of an eastbound Pacific Electric car. The impact was terrific and witnesses expected to see all the occupants of the shattered car instantly killed. Mr. Finzell sustained a fracture of the collarbone and was seriously injured internally. The others escaped with slight bruises.

The Owensmouth Feed & Poultry Co. has received a shipment of cleaned Texas Red Oats—Adv.

For San Fernando Valley work, you should read the Owensmouth Gazette. \$1.50 per annum.

MATERIAL WORK

Planing, chiseling, etc. All kinds of team work.

JOE McDONALD
Phone 11831 - Owensmouth

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

To Stockholders of Vanomar Produce: Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Vanomar Produce Co. will be held at Whitson Hall, in the City of Van Nuys, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Saturday, the nineteenth day of January, 1921, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the said day for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

VANOMAR PRODUCERS,
P. W. Barlow, Secretary,
Van Nuys, Cal., December 15, 1920.

Going Events

Monday, Dec. 31—Box social by the Epworth League.

Friday, Jan. 11—Dance by the housing committee of the Owensmouth Woman's Club.

Wednesday, Jan. 26—Woman's Club meets with Mrs. West.

THRIFT STAMPS ON SALE

War thrift stamps and war saving certificates, otherwise known as junior life bonds, are now on sale at the Owensmouth postoffice. The stamps sell at 25 cents each. The bonds cost \$4.12 during December and January and are payable in 1925, at which time each certificate will be worth \$5.

War Tax Revenue stamps are now on sale at the postoffice. All legal papers now must carry revenue stamps.

All parcel post packages on or after the 15th of December are subject to a stamp of 1 cent for each 25 cents of postage.

The Los Angeles Water Department has compiled the following interesting facts regarding the cost of irrigating various crops in this valley:

Sugar Beets—From a dozen different large to small ranches, and with varied soil conditions, the average cost per acre for sugar beets during the 1921 season was found to be \$154 an acre.

Beans—The average cost per acre for beans as determined from a large number of small ranches, and aggregating 493½ acres, was \$174 an acre.

Alfalfa—The cost of irrigating alfalfa on 154 acres, mostly sandy soil, was \$237 an acre.

Potatoes—Thirty acres of potatoes showed an irrigation cost of \$176 an acre.

Vegetables—Thirty-five acres of vegetables had a charge of \$106 an acre for irrigation.

Deciduous Fruits—Irrigation for a six-acre fruit orchard showed a cost of \$186 an acre.

Citrus Fruits—The cost of irrigating 30 acres of citrus grove was \$148 an acre.

Flooding—Flooding for grain or other crops in a few cases noted, averaged \$44.8 an acre.

We want your subscription. When you read this copy, get what you subscribe to and bring it with you to the office, and it tries to set all the news.

Watches and jewelry neatly repaired at Hartman's Jewelry Store, Van Nuys for irrigation.

FOR SALE—MY FIVE PASSENGER Ford, \$225. C. F. Hale.

FOR SALE CHEAP—200 EGGS MANIA incubator, in first class shape, also 2000 gallon tank. Wm. McGeech.

FOR SALE—FINE EUREKA WALNUT Trees T. L. Lambert, El Monte, Cal. 5123.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—ONE RED and white spotted yearling, Nelly Reid Cappel, Calabasas. Reward.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—BLACK and white Boston Terrier, commonly known as a Boston Bull. Answers to name. Rex. Please reward no recovery as name. J. L. Waring, owner.

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WHEN FLIRT MEETS FLIRT

By OSCAR COX

One day my cousin Alice Wood came to my law office and asked me to take a record of promise case for her.

"I'm in love with you," she said. "What are you laughing at?" she asked so much hurt.

"The son, the biggest flirt in the state, should be permitted to sue any man for breach of promise. You are a doting man who could get a verdict against you on such an action any day."

"Very well, then I'll have to get another lawyer."

"Who is to go, but I stopped her. I was loath to follow her."

"Phil Nickerson," I asked. "Phil Nickerson. Why, I thought he was mainly in love with you."

"He here, Jim," said Alice, changing her tone. "If you will take the case, that will give me a chance to do something more and nothing less. I'll give you a thousand dollar advance."

"I am the rich branch of our family, I of the poor branch. I was looked down on here. I was ready take her orders. She dictated a letter to be sent in my name to Mr. Nickerson. She wanted me to write to him myself to have been shamefully treated by him and demanded \$5000 because me or any man of writing such a letter to the last word. Nevertheless it went to him exactly as she had dictated."

In due time a reply came stating that the writer had proposed to her to marry her. She had accepted Mr. Nickerson's offer. For six months she had waited for her to come. She had never heard of its coming, he had given the matter up. He knew enough of law to be able to sue her for breach of promise. He had a letter to her which she had given to him. It was a letter that she had written to him in which she had accepted Mr. Nickerson's offer. She had accepted Mr. Nickerson's offer. She had accepted Mr. Nickerson's offer. She had accepted Mr. Nickerson's offer. She had accepted Mr. Nickerson's offer. She had accepted Mr. Nickerson's offer.

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to the letter of her instructions and not being in. For this she doubled my fee.

"I am married and living happily with my wife. I am sorry to say that Alice is not married. Her dance stood the best she imposed on him for a fortnight then fell from grace. But she says that within a week after the reconciliation—"

Our Sensitive Planet. Changes Are Constant in the Shape of the Earth's Shape. One naturally thinks of the earth as being solid and stable, except perhaps in volcanic regions where earthquakes are of frequent occurrence. As a matter of fact, however, the shell of our planet is extremely sensitive and most delicately balanced, so that under the influences of causes that seem altogether insignificant a comparison with the granite bulks and weight of the earth it yields and fluctuates in a most amazing manner.

To an eye so placed, as to be capable of taking in at one comprehension the whole of the globe it would not appear of precisely the same shape during an entire day or even an hour. Some of the changes are so minute of course, very slight when compared with the size of the earth itself.

The operation of atmospheric and oceanic and other similar causes is continually bringing about such changes in the shape of the earth's crust. One of the most interesting of the agencies whereby such alterations are effected is the earth's crust power of rivers. Wherever a great quantity of sand and gravel is being brought down from the mountains to the sea, as for instance, along the northwestern coast of Europe or the eastern edge of the United States, the weight of the earth's crust is slowly increasing, and the consequence is seen in the gradual subsidence of the shore.

Such a sinking has been going on for thousands of years along the coast of the British empire. A similar depression is occurring on the western coast of the United States and along the Gulf of Mexico. It has been estimated that the greyhound is sinking at the rate of nearly two inches in a century.

Corresponding elevations must, of course, occur elsewhere. And to these slow changes in the level of the earth's crust earthquakes are due as well as to the more violent local disturbances created by volcanoes.

Greyhounds the Oldest Dogs. The greyhound is the oldest domesticated dog and can be traced back of scriptures and fables for thirteen centuries before the Christian era. A fine group of greyhounds fondling each other at the British museum must be more than 2,000 years old, and some of the dogs depicted in hunting scenes on the Egyptian monuments are of this greyhound type. Greyhounds have been popular in England since King Camille's time, but nobody but a "greyhound" or a "greyhound" can be kept to them. Even so recently as 1853 a licensee to keep a greyhound cost \$5, and a dog owner was to be taxed by the state on other dogs—London Standard.

Dead His Conscience. Egan Buckland when at Westminster used to tell a curious story of a broken paper man who he received one day by post. After many wrappings had been unfolded he found a small black square which he found to be an inch and a half long. The writer of the unsigned note accompanying the package was that man when he was a boy, many years before, he had dipped the splinter off the coronation chair. An age-soldier was a complete stranger to him, and he asked the dean to be kind enough to restore the splinter to its place—Pall Mall Gazette.

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TOUCH OF THE ROSES

PASADENA, NEW YEAR'S DAY

This Year Greater Than Ever—A Gigantic Demonstration of Southern California's Patriotism—Proceeds to Go to the Red Cross

All previous pagants of the Southland's Matchless Midwinter Flowers are being eclipsed in this Wartime Interpretation of the World-Famous Tournament.

More Floral Magic—Bands—Soldiers—Salons—Marines—than ever assembled at one time before in the Stirring and Wonderful Parade at 10:15 o'clock.

Football—Navy vs. Army. The Famous Marine Corps Eleven, representing the Navy Department, will meet the crues of the Army Team from American Lake, Wash., representing the Army.

Bank Park, Pasadena, 2:15 p. m. Grand Military and Patriotic Ball at night—adv.

Moving picture men representing the famous news film "weeklies" and the distributor of newsreels and educational films are preparing to have batteries of camera men in Pasadena New Year's Day for the annual Rose Tournament and the work cooperating in this Southern California event are planning to put their best foot forward in the hope of making the parade as "hot" by the movie camera, set up at vantage points at the start and along the main route.

Inasmuch as these films will be subsequently shown in every city, town and hamlet in the country and the distributor of the films will give every Southern California city a fine opportunity to advertise. As each of these newsreels and approximately fifteen marked, the community which sponsored it will be at once interested to see what city furnished the most striking entry.

Moreover, the estimates of rainfalls from the weather bureau of the big table indicate that there will be an unusually large number of winter visitors here, despite the war. Probably this is the first time in California for a great many of them. Viewing the Rose Tournament parade they can score and more of cheer and enthusiasm from the floats representing the participating, something of the flavor and character of each. Who knows, it may be their first visit to California for a great many years.

They will be all the features of the Rose Tournament retained this year, including the East and West football game and the grand ball at the Hotel Maryland on New Year's night. The net proceeds from the total football game will go to the Red Cross and will be their first visit to California for a great many years.

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