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The Master Of Palo Verde

In the beginning of life in the land of wonderful dreams the wild men of the plains and valleys of the coast range would gather on the hills of Palo Verde to make medicine for future hunting days to worship the sun god as he flashed a last good night from far across the mystery hidden stretches of the eternal summer seas.

The wild desert chieftains watched with reverence the mighty God of day as the fast changing lights and shadows tinted the countenance of the assembled hosts a living copery hue, memories of burning desert sands were forgotten as the life giving breeze of the evening came to them from adown the countless air lanes of the mighty Pacific.

These children of the wilds were glad that the end of the day brought peace and rest alike to the creatures of earth and to the royal traveler of the heavens. Their great Sun God.

Thus spoke the Master of Palo Verde as I asked him the cause of his silent reverie. I had climbed the crest of these sun-kissed hills in search of a story and I had found a man of medium stature, quiet manner and dreamy eye. But one could see that those clear, steady eyes had power to pierce the film of the future years and read the story of coming events. And what I asked is the mission of these grand old hills that stand as sentinels here on the rim of the western world.

The answer came in startling fashion from the lips and gestures of the Master of the Hills. Ever since before the days of the red man the God of the Universe has been fashioning a fitting climax for the days of empire in this sunny southland.

The trials and struggles of the Argonauts, the yeoman service of sturdy pioneers, the pueblo life and city culture of this great plain that you see stretching away to those grand old mountains and beyond, all had their part to play in the wonderful plans of the God of the open air. First came discovery, then learning, knowledge of the great possibilities of this mystic land engendered longing for a magnificent home life to be built into the scheme of future years.

An ear to the ground and you will hear the tramp of many, many feet; numberless thousands who have heard of and must see for themselves this borderland of Eden. Already the lowlands are overflowing and the march of peoples have just begun. Every clime and country even from beyond the seas are sending the best blood of their peoples to the Hills of Palo Verde.

On this wonderful spot will rise a city, the like of which no man has ever seen. Marvelous miles of perfect boule-

wards, rose and tree lined from base to citidal, with all the space in between filled with cottages and palaces, for that great teacher, experience, has demonstrated to all men that super cities and harmonious governments must be democratic in principle and practice to attain the greatest degree of ultimate results, which to the minds of all modern civilization means efficiency, beauty and harmony.

This city will be turreted and towered, beautified and storied, until the minds of men are at a loss to improve the architecture or environment. The bloom of the magnolia and the rose will vie with the magnificent setting, nature gave, here between the teeming valleys and the summer seas, to win the best of culture and refinement, to people this dream city, the gem of the Occident.

History repeats itself. The brotherhood of man demands a reward for endless years of struggle for supremacy over sins of omission and commission, the gathering together here on these everlasting hills of the brain power of the entire world will fashion a city that will stand as a monument throughout the ages to all the people that comes after. An achievement of greater note than the mystic charm of Solomon's Temples, for Solomon was only one and we are many. The past centuries pour their store of learning and achievement at our feet, supplying an endless mass of successes and failures for our guidance and profit.

The Temple of Learning that will crown the crest of Palo Verde will scatter seeds of knowledge to the far ends of the earth. Destiny decrees that it shall be the star that will guide the wise men of the east to our haven of wisdom and peace. The sun light reflected from its lofty minarets and towers will be a first sign to ships from the far seas that the voyage is ended. Students of every creed and faith from far lands will seek this mecca of the Californians.

The wonderful clime of our own southland will woo and win men to our hearthstones against all odds. No human power can stay the tide of humanity that is setting into our shores and hills.

Our only prayer in future should be for wisdom to build for the millions that are coming. Ours is a responsibility the magnitude of which we little dream of. The fame of our city and clime is echoing around the world, longing is a hope for better things and its fruition will not be denied.

Can any man who is an observer of the march of human events question the logic and truth of this far reaching vision of the Master of Palo Verde.

KEYSTONE BANQUET.

The men of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce entertained the ladies last Saturday evening with a banquet, songs and stories, afterward with cards and dancing. The feed was an old fashioned southern dinner that turned one's thoughts back to the days of home and mother.

Messrs. LeBoeuf, Rocque, and Sleepy did the heavy work in the kitchen and proved to everyone present that they could play the game and get away with it. The aroma of good coffee, roast ham and candied sweet potatoes—issuing from the kitchen had everyone excited and hungry as a bear long before the meal was served.

And the way that bunch did eat, about 90 of them. Why a crew of harvest hands couldn't have done better. One lady remarked that it wouldn't be necessary to do any cooking at her house for two or three days. This seemed to be the consensus of opinion and convinced the boys that their efforts to serve and please had been highly successful.

Secretary Pottenger and his wife of the Torrance Chamber were the guests of honor of the evening and entered into the good comradeship of the Keystone folk with a zest and snap that proves them good fellows well met. May this be only one of the many entertainments of this kind.

The sport of the evening got its biggest kick when one of the ladies was invited to cut the cake, a wonderful creation that had graced the center of the table during the meal, of mammoth size, frosted to a queen's taste and crowded with a large candied Keystone. It had whetted everybody's appetite to a keen edge for cake, expectations running high as the knife began its deadly work. The first cut penetrated the frosting all right, then operations slowed down. Several attempts proved unsuccessful. Then enough of the covering was removed to reveal the fact that this wonderful cake was made of solid concrete. During the peals of laughter that followed the expose, all present decided that they did not want any cake.

These meetings are a wonderful thing for the community, for they offer opportunity of acquaintanceship and engender a patriotic feeling for the home neighborhood which is the real beginning of community building as exemplified in Chamber of Commerce work. People associating together in this manner exchange ideas and begin to feel the need of higher types of civic improvements, co-operation steps in and gives first aid and soon a flourishing home life rises over the ashes of former single handed efforts.

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The Torrance Relief Society held its annual election at the Library Tuesday afternoon, May 2, with twelve members present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. A. Campbell; First Vice President, Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber; Second Vice President, Mrs. W. W. Woodington; Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Byrnes; Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Henderson.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A delightful surprise party was tendered Harry Burmaster of Cota avenue, Torrance, and Lawrence Sherman of Los Angeles, Saturday evening, April 30th, at the home of Miss Dorothy Linebaugh in Los Angeles. The boys received many beautiful gifts and bountiful refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flood and son Raymond, Glen Babcock and Henry Burmaster attended from Torrance.

TORRANCE LIBRARY.

Many attractive changes have been made in the Torrance Library in the past week. The old shelves and book cases are moved away and new ones are installed in

AN ENCORE

We step out on the platform of "The Torrance Herald" to make our best bow to Mr. Parsons, Keystone Acres and thank him for the compliment paid to our "Story of Joseph" with a request for another Bible story. We think perhaps we have served "The best of the wine at the first of the feast," for, with the exception of the "Story of Jesus", "The Story of Joseph" stands out most prominently among Bible stories. His life is so full of good and so free from evil—nothing written against him. I take pleasure in dedicating to you, Mr. Parsons, "A Story From the Life of Moses."
MRS. N. K. WOOD.

AGAINST THE RULES

"No spooning in the park."
"Spoonng? This is my wife."
"No fighting then."

their place, and more added to care for the new supply of books. Furniture has been changed about recently; the windows on the west side have been frosted over, shading the interior of the whole library and making a most delightful reading room.

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