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MORE HOMES

(By S. P. Trood)

That the type of skilled workman now being attracted in such large numbers to the harbor district by the greatly diversified and fast-growing industries is in reality a greater asset to the community in which he settles than the man of moderate means who comes to Southern California merely to spend the remaining years of his life in the quiet and restful comfort of our sunshine and flowers, was stated as his conviction by Fred L. Baker, in further discussion yesterday, of the shortage of housing facilities in the harbor district.

"It takes all sorts to make up the population of a modern city," said Mr. Baker. "We need the man whose earliest activities were sufficiently successful to enable him to spend the later years of his life in comfort and recreation. He usually brings his capital to the home of his adoption, and is, of course, important in the development of the community."

"We must not, however, lose sight to the fact that we are essentially a particularly progressive and very fast-growing industrial and shipping community. Already the fifth city in the United States and dominant on the Pacific Coast, we are forging ahead with longer strides even than Chicago ever showed, toward the position of third city."

"Our growth as a great city calls for industrial expansion, and that in turn calls for the highest type of satisfied American workmen. It is this workman who must be recognized as the backbone of a great industrial community. Willing to give a dollar's worth of constructive work for every dollar he receives from the community, that workman should be given every facility and encouragement to obtain comfortable and satisfactory living conditions for himself and his family."

"Comfortable homes are a greater influence than even high wages in producing a contented spirit among workers. In all our communities here we offer probably the best of climatic and general living conditions to be found anywhere in the United States—with one exception. That exception is the provision of the bungalow house or flat which the workman expects to be able to find within a reasonable distance of his work, and at a price which he can afford to pay."

"In my opinion the port of Los Angeles offers the greatest promise for vast industrial expansion of any port in the United States today. Industries of many kinds offering employment for high-class workers are coming in great numbers to our harbor district. San Pedro, Wilmington, Long Beach, Lomita, Torrance, Compton, Harbor City, and many other communities stretching in fan shape between the business section of Los Angeles, and the outer front will all benefit through this great expansion and the greatest benefit will go to that community which recognizes the immediate need of housing facilities for workmen and offers the best value in such facilities."

"We are seeing subdivision after subdivision opened up immediately within the city limits of Los Angeles, and there seems a ready market for houses built for sale there. I believe, however, that property owners and men making a business of subdividing and building homes would find the Los Angeles harbor district to prove an even more fruitful field for their efforts and a field which would result in giving great assistance to those who are bringing new industries to the harbor and who are feeling the serious handicap of the present lack of housing for the men they wish to employ."

William J. Bryan says wealth is a disease. My boy some of us would like to be afflicted with it. One way to prevent a coal strike is to pray without ever ceasing for an early spring.

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It seldom fails to relieve the torment and disfigurement. Sufferers from skin trouble should get a little jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur from any good druggist and use it like a cold cream.

BOARD URGES NEW BUDGET

Announcement was made by the revenue and taxation committee of the state assembly that State Controller Ray L. Riley will be asked to submit his budget of state expenditures, totaling about \$89,000,000, to the legislature.

The committee plans to compare Riley's budget with the one presented by Governor Richardson and the Jarvis Daniels budget, which also will be presented for comparative purposes.

Members of the legislature, fearing a deadlock over the administration recommendations for expenditures during the next two years, plan to be prepared to submit a compromise budget prepared from the three financial statements.

Accountants today announced the "discovery" of \$7,000,000 in additional funds for the next biennium. The \$7,000,000 which has heretofore been unaccounted for is in the general surplus fund and the veterans' welfare fund. It consists of liberty bonds, highway bonds, harbor commission bonds, San Francisco seawall bonds and state building bonds.

With the additional funds, the available moneys of the state government for the next two years are swelled from \$80,000,000 to \$87,000,000.

San Pedro Harbor Is Boston's Rival

Boasting only twelve years of shipping elbow room, and today doing its best to turn around the huge tankers that are clamoring for space, Los Angeles harbor has so spread its grown-up claims to foreign ports that, according to the latest Shipping Board report reaching Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, it ships the products of the Southwest to the same number of ports as age-old Boston, each city sending its exports to eighty-seven foreign ports, and Los Angeles lacking but 67,484 tons of Boston's figure for the fiscal year.

While Director of Research R. T. Merrill of the United States Shipping Board has presented in his annual report for the year ending June 30, 1922, figures on the digestion of the local chamber of commerce, some of his observations as to conditions in and the future of Southern California ports are significant.

"The growth of the intercoastal business, supplementing our already large coastwise trade, has been phenomenal, and is especially noteworthy in the last six months. Were these figures included there would be marked changes in the standing of many ports, particularly those of the Pacific Coast," the report says. "In the report, Boston exported, in foreign trade only, for the year, 49,746 long tons, while Los Angeles totaled 372,262 long tons in foreign exports, the shipments of world ports. In general cargo movement, Los Angeles holds world's supremacy in specific commodities, being the largest exporter of oil and the largest importer of lumber. In the latest report received by the chamber of commerce, the grand total for all commerce at the harbor for September, 1922, was 1,053,242 tons, valued at \$38,341,574. Same month, 1921, tons 504,447, valued at \$19,778,337, an increase of practically 100 per cent."

CUTTING EXPENSES

The Railroad Commission has submitted to the Governor a revised budget, providing for an expenditure nearly \$185,000 lower than appeared in the previous budget. Accompanying the estimate was a statement that the commission was striving to cooperate with the administration in the policy of economy, and had cut wherever it was possible without impairing efficiency. The sum represented in this saving is very little when spread out among the taxpayers of the state, but a like saving here and there would soon run into an aggregate of considerable importance. And this saving is just what is going on. The Highway Commission has just decided to lop off expenses wherever possible. The force employed is to be reduced about 20 per cent. Some time ago Mr. Marsh, head of the motor vehicle department, announced similar economies. Up to this date it appears that those who feared Richardson would destroy useful parts of the governmental machinery were needlessly alarmed. He is evidently bent upon stopping wasteful leaks, and getting down to the principle of a dollar's worth of service for every dollar expended.—Tulare Register.

An evangelical pastor in New York, after praying publicly that a wife be sent to him from heaven, is reported as receiving 100 offers of marriage.

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March 3 Dead Line On New Licenses

W. H. Marsh, chief of the division of motor vehicles, announces that his department at Sacramento is organized to handle applicants for renewal of all classes of motor-vehicle licenses from all sections of the state.

Motorists have until March 3 in which to renew their licenses, and if applications are forwarded to Sacramento at this time, prompt service can be secured.

All applications received to date have been recorded and licenses delivered. Motorists who do not mail their certificate and fees to the Sacramento office before March 3 will be subject to a 25 per cent penalty in addition to the annual registration fee.

REVENUE VS. EXPENSE

When you read criticisms of Governor Richardson's economy program just remember these facts: "The estimated revenue of the state for the next biennium is \$81,000,000. Governor Richardson's economy budget will probably call for \$79,000,000. This leaves but \$2,000,000 for expenditures of the state other than budget expenditures, a margin none too wide for safety. The budget which Governor Richardson's budget will replace called for an expenditure of \$91,000,000, which is \$10,000,000 in excess of the estimated revenues of the state. If the affairs of the state are to be conducted within its income and a direct tax upon the people is to be avoided, the most rigid economy must be practiced and Governor Richardson should and will have the support of the people in his determination to limit the state's expenditures to a sum somewhat under estimated revenues.—Petaluma Argus.

JOYS OF AN EDITOR

Most any man can be an editor. All the editor has to do is sit at a desk six days in the week, four weeks in a month, and twelve months in the year, and edit such stuff as this:

"Mrs. Jones, of Red Hill, let a can opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry. A mischievous lad of Picketon threw a stone and cut Mr. Pike in the alley last Tuesday. Joe Doe climbed on the roof of his house last week looking for a leak and fell, striking himself on the back porch. While Harold Green was escorting Miss Violet Wise from the church social last Saturday night a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green on the public square. Ik Trimmer, of Town Creek, was playing with a cat Friday when it scratched him on the veranda. Mr. Frank, while harnessing his young colt last Saturday, had the misfortune to be kicked near his corn crib."

After you have read this paper—pass it along!

CANADIANS AT ORANGE SHOW

Reviving a custom started many years ago, the Canadian Tourists have decided to go in force to the National Orange Show at San Bernardino, on Saturday, February 24, which has officially been designated "Canadian Day." There are to be provincial registers, special souvenir badges, international speakers, Canadian music, with a monster roll-call in front of the grand stand, in which all the former Canadians will be asked to take a part. Among the speakers expected will be Mr. John Hooper, president of the Canadian Tourists' society, who is a well-known publisher of Winnipeg; Col. Albert Whyte, formerly of the 5th Royal Scots Fusilier Guards, now of Vancouver, B. C.; Rev. Wm. A. Wills, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, for forty years, head of the British Mission in North China; Hon. T. A. Osborne, British consul, and others. Special trains will be run, and the Canadians will have a band of forty pieces, and will make this one of the great days of the Orange Show. Every Canadian with all friends is invited.

LICENSE HIGHER IN 28 STATES

It may be somewhat consoling to many, to know that twenty-eight states have higher license fees than California, according to a table just issued by the National Highway association. In California the state license fee for a twenty-five horsepower passenger car is \$10.

PREPARING FOR EXPOSITION CROWDS

Los Angeles is preparing for the largest crowd in the history of the city next July when the American Historical Review and Motion Picture Exposition opens. The buildings are to be of the Spanish American type and will show variations in architecture due to the Mexican and even Aztec influences.