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Looking Into the Future What Will Your Sons Know?

My son is three months old as this is written. I wonder what wonders my boy will see in this wonderful world of ours.

My father saw the coming of the railroad, the steamboat, the telegraph and the cable; he could not conceive that invention could go much further.

He was not there to share the sensation which was created when Carl Fisher and I announced our intention of essaying a round trip in one day to Noblesville—28 miles away—in the first automobile to appear in Indianapolis; a sensation so great that a newspaper had its photographer take pictures of the hardy adventurers before we started.

He could not have believed that I would mail a letter today to Peter B. Kyne in San Francisco and have it delivered there by airplane tomorrow.

In my office we seldom use the cable any more for communication to Europe, because the wireless is faster. During the recent conventions the citizens in remote parts of the country listened to all the proceedings over the radio.

All this has come in the thirty-five years since his death. What will come in the next thirty-five, in the next three score and ten?

Will my son see preventable disease eliminated, distance eliminated, waste of power eliminated, the harnessing of the energy of the sun and the ocean; will he be able to talk to the Orient by long distance radio as easily as I talk by long distance telephone to California?

Those things not only are possible in his lifetime; probably they are only a hint of the marvels that he will see. For he, no doubt, will see things that seem as impossible to me as the things that I have seen would have seemed impossible to my father.

Waldo Is Worth Millions Politics Is Just His Hobby

A MILLIONAIRE whose hobby is politics is Rhinelander Waldo, former police commissioner of New York, who is slated to succeed Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, governor general of the Philippines, as administrative head of the islands.

Waldo resigned the police commissionership recently to lend his aid in the Republican presidential campaign. He was appointed first deputy police commissioner in 1906. In January, 1910, he was asked to become commissioner of the New York fire department, and spent a year in reorganizing that department and increasing its efficiency.

During his first service with the police department he was sent to Europe to study police methods there, and on his return instituted many new ideas in the New York department, including the fingerprint department. He served as a major of infantry in the national army in the World war, and following the conflict assumed his police duties once more.

Legion's New Commander He Knows Veterans' Needs

THE problems of ex-service men are by no means unknown to James A. Drain, new commander of the American Legion. Drain is an attorney in Washington, D. C., and has personally handled the cases of over a thousand veterans seeking aid through the United States Veterans' Bureau and other agencies.

The new commander was born in Illinois in 1870. He has practiced law in Nebraska, Washington, and the District of Columbia. After serving in the Spanish-American war he lost his right hand in a hunting accident, but despite this handicap was accepted in the ordnance department of the army, where he served overseas with distinction.

Drain was one of the first department commanders of the Legion in the capital, and for the past three years has been chairman of the district rehabilitation committee. His first army experience was with the Washington state national guard, where he started as a private and finished as a brigadier general.

A Hint From Potato Hill Thoreau on Government

By CLARK KINNARD

ED HOWE of Potato Hill, America's philosopher, complains because Friedrich Nietzsche and Arthur Schopenhauer, called by him two of the soundest thinkers, and meanest men, that ever lived, are seldom referred to in the run-off of the day's literature.

"These two men were not only tremendously intelligent, but about the best writers of which we have record. Both managed to sting the sentimentalists so hard that many of them answered, and thus Nietzsche and Schopenhauer became known, but there is still a conspiracy in editorial offices not to mention them.

"With soundless words they move you as Fritz Kreisler does with violin and bow. "They were master writers, as Rubens was a master painter.

"The writing of Nietzsche and Schopenhauer is more valuable than the painting of Rubens.

"The writing of Schopenhauer and Nietzsche is like a master chemist digging into the heart of things; like vivisection to demonstrate a fact.

"Both men were frequently mean, but never silly, and they were never bad writers."

Nietzsche, who has been described as a Greek born two thousand years too late, wrote:

"What is good?—Whatever augments the feeling of power, the will to power, power itself, in man.

"What is evil?—Whatever springs from weakness.

"What is happiness?—The feeling that power increases—that resistance is overcome.

"What is more harmful than any vice?—Practical sympathy for the botched and the weak."

Nietzsche held that mankind does not represent an evolution toward a better or stronger or higher level, as progress is now understood.

"This 'progress,'" he wrote, "is merely a modern idea, which is to say a false idea. The European of today, in his essential worth, falls far below the European of the Renaissance; the process of evolution does not necessarily mean elevation, enhancement and strengthening."

It is true, he conceded, it succeeds in isolated and individual cases in various parts of the earth and under most widely different cultures, and in these cases a higher type certainly manifests itself; something which, compared to mankind in the mass, appears to him as a sort of superman.

Such happy strokes at high success have always been possible, and will remain possible, perhaps, for all time to come, he observes. "Even whole races, tribes and nations may occasionally represent such lucky accidents.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU, writing in 1849, said: "This American government—what is it but a tradition, though a recent one, endeavoring to transmit itself unimpaired to posterity, but each instant losing some of its integrity?"

"It has not the vitality and force of a single living man; for a single man can bend it to his will.

"It is a sort of wooden gun to the people themselves.

"But it is not the less necessary for this; for the people must have some complicated machinery or other, and hear its din, to satisfy that idea of government which they have."

Governments, Thoreau contended, thus show how successfully man can be imposed on, even impose on themselves, for their own advantage.

"It is excellent, we must all allow," he says. "Yet this government never of itself furthered any enterprise, but by the alacrity with which it got out of its way.

"It does not keep the country free.

"It does not settle the west. (He was writing in 1849, remember.)

"It does not educate. "The character inherent in the American people has done all that has been accomplished; and it would have done somewhat more, if the government had not sometimes got in its way.

"For government is an expedient by which men would fain succeed in letting one another alone; and, as has been said, when it is most expedient, the governed are most let alone by it."

Do you believe that the above words hold true today? After all, Thoreau contended, the practical reason why, when the power is once in the hands of the people, a majority are permitted, and for a long period continue, to rule, is not because they are most likely to be right, nor because this seems fairest to the minority, but because they are physically the strongest.

"But," he declared, "a government in which the majority rule in all cases cannot be based on justice, even as far as men understand it."

A Vagabond Song

By BLISS CARMEN

There is something in the autumn that is native to my blood— Touch of manner, hint of mood; And my heart is like a rhyme, With the yellow and the purple and the crimson keeping time.

The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry Of bugles going by, And my lonely spirit thrills To see the frosty asters like a smoke upon the hills.

There is something in October sets the gipsy blood astir; We must rise and follow her, When from every hill of flame She calls and calls each vagabond by name.

HE WAS A BRIGHT BOY

A country police officer passed a cow and a calf grazing on the roadside. In the distance he saw a little boy coming along. The officer stopped him and said:

"Tell me, my boy, do you know who owns the cow and calf?"

"No, sir," said the little boy, "I don't know who owns the cow, but I know who owns the calf."

"Who?" said the officer.

"I should say the cow, sir."

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson

Forty years and a forty waist: Eat at leisure, die in haste.

Pickling in alcohol is a poor way to preserve youth.

Health hint: Never chase a street car on a full stomach.

Now the sensible fashion, When the weather is warm, is to go without corsets And run true to form.

No, Dora, people on stable diets are not supposed to eat like horses.

The overweight man has a fat chance of living his allotted three score and ten.

And soon we'll pull our windows down— As people always do; Then broil ourselves until we're brown— Start flirting with the "flu."

The only fellow who has no time for recreation is the fellow who needs it and won't take it.

Notwithstanding everyone seems to be on one diet or another, grocerymen all report that business was never better.

You may take river water That's turbid and thick; If you boil it and air it It won't make you sick. But the old oaken bucket That hangs in the well May be badly infected— You never can tell.

Barring the possibility of tuberculosis, the underweight man has a far better chance of reaching a ripe old age than does his overweight brother.

He hath the health who, once each year, Lends his chest to the doctor's ear.

Most "hard-boiled guys" are only one-minute eggs.

And another good way to diet is to join several luncheon clubs.

A long-tail coat And a big diamond stud, Will fool lots of people— But not all of 'em, Bud.

In the diagnosis of early tuberculosis "absence of proof is not always proof of absence."

A normal appendix is the outstanding characteristic in the financial form of appendicitis.

With the highway engineer eliminating the grade crossings, what are we going to do for Sunday surgery?

With an afternoon fever And a marked loss of weight, Call your physician— Don't hesitate.

Should you awake and find that you Had finished life, what would you do? I think I'd rise in my ghostly form And hunt some climate—not too warm.

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION No. 196 Alley Improvement

The Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, California, pursuant to the provisions of the "Improvement Act of 1911" and the "Improvement Bond Act of 1915," and acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof, do resolve as follows:

Section 1. That the public interest and convenience require, and that it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, State of California, to order the following work to be done and improvement made in said City, to-wit:

That portions of the alleys in Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 49, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 85, 86, and 113 of the Torrance Tract, be improved in the manner, at the places and to the extent shown upon plans therefor adopted by the said Board of Trustees September 29th, 1924, and now on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Torrance, said improvement to consist of grading said alleys and paving portions of the same with asphaltic pavement consisting

of 3 inch asphaltic concrete base and 1 inch Willite Topeka Wearing Surface, and constructing four inch vitrified clay pipe sewer laterals for house connections, one for each lot subdivision fronting on said work.

Section 2. That all of said work shall be done and improvement made in accordance with lines, grades, profiles, elevations, locations and cross-sections to and within the limits shown upon the plans therefor adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, and all dimensions and notations thereon shall apply and be conformed to and observed in doing said work and in making said improvement, and the same are incorporated herein and made a part hereof and reference is hereby made thereto for a more complete and detailed description of said work and improvement.

The said grading shall be done in accordance with specifications contained in Ordinance No. 19 of the City of Torrance.

Said Asphaltic Writite Pavement shall be constructed in accordance with Specifications No. 20 adopted by Resolution No. 160 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance.

Said sewers shall be constructed in accordance with Specifications No. 21 adopted by Resolution No. 160 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance.

Section 3. That said contemplated work and improvement, in the opinion of said Board of Trustees, is of more than local or ordinary public benefit and said Board hereby makes the expense of said work and improvement chargeable upon the district which said Board hereby declares to be the district benefited by said work and improvement and to be assessed to pay the cost and expenses thereof, within the district is bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the north line of 218th Street in the City of Torrance, with the west line of Border Avenue; thence westerly along the north line of 218th Street to the east line of Cabrillo Avenue; thence northerly along the east line of Cabrillo Avenue to the north line of Carson Street; thence westerly along the north line of Carson Street to the west line of Lot 9, Block 17, Torrance Tract; thence northerly along the west line of said Lot 9 to the southeasterly line of Susana Street; thence northerly along the southeasterly line of Susana Street to the northeasterly line of Cravens Avenue; thence northerly along the northeasterly line of Cravens Avenue to the southeasterly line of Engracia Avenue; thence northerly along the southeasterly line of Engracia Avenue to the southerly line of Redondo Boulevard; thence westerly along the southerly line of Redondo Boulevard to the westerly line of Arlington Avenue; thence northerly along the westerly line of Arlington Avenue to the northerly line of Sierra Street; thence westerly along the northerly line of Sierra Street to the westerly line of Portola Avenue; thence northerly along the westerly line of Portola Avenue to the northerly line of Mariopa Street; thence westerly along the northerly line of Mariopa Street to the easterly line of Cota Avenue; thence northerly along the easterly line of Cota Avenue to the southerly line of Dominguez Street; thence westerly along the southerly line of Dominguez Street to the westerly line of Sartori Avenue; thence northerly along the westerly line of Sartori Avenue to the northwesterly line of Portola Avenue; thence northerly along the northwesterly line of Portola Avenue to the northwesterly line of Sartori Avenue; thence northerly along the northwesterly line of Sartori Avenue to the northwesterly line of Lot 13, Block 86, Torrance Tract; thence northerly along the northwesterly line of Lot 13 to the southerly line of Dominguez Street; thence southeasterly along the southeasterly line of Dominguez Street to the southeasterly line of the southeasterly line of Border Avenue to the southeasterly line of Lot 9, Block 71; thence at right angles westerly to the most southerly corner of said Lot 9; thence southerly in a straight line to the point of intersection of the southeasterly line of Post Avenue with the southerly line of Redondo Boulevard; thence easterly along the southerly line of Redondo Boulevard and southeasterly along the southeasterly line of Block 1 of the Torrance Tract to the southeasterly line of Lot 2 in said Block 1; thence southeasterly along the southeasterly line of said Lot 2 to the northerly line of Lot 1 in said Block 1; thence at right angles southeasterly 280 feet; thence at right angles northerly to the west-

ern line of Cabrillo Avenue; thence northerly in a straight line to a point on the westerly line of Block 113 of the Torrance Tract distant 150 feet at right angles northerly on the northerly line of 218th Street; thence northerly along the northwesterly line of Block 113 to the southerly line of 218th Street; thence easterly along the southerly line of 218th Street 138.33 feet; thence southerly at right angles to the northerly line of 218th Street; thence westerly along the northerly line of 218th Street to the easterly line of Border Avenue; thence southerly in a straight line to the most northerly corner of Lot 1, Block 3, of the Torrance Tract; thence southerly along the easterly line of Cabrillo Avenue to the southerly line of Lot 5, Block 3, of the Torrance Tract; thence easterly at right angles to the southeasterly line of Border Avenue; thence southerly along the westerly line of Border Avenue to the point of beginning; excepting from the above bounded and described area the area of all public streets, avenues, alleys, boulevards, parks or lands contained therein.

Section 4. Notice is hereby given that Serial Bonds to represent unpaid assessments, and to bear interest at the rate of seven percent (7%) per annum, will be issued hereunder in the manner provided by the "Improvement Bond Act of 1915," the last installment of which bonds shall mature nine years from the second day of July next succeeding ten months from their date.

Section 5. Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 20th day of October, 1924, at 8 o'clock p. m., in the Council Chamber of the City of Torrance, in the City Hall in said City of Torrance, any and all persons having any objection to the proposed work or improvement or to the extent of the district to be assessed, or both, may appear before said Board of Trustees and show cause why said work or improvement should not be carried out in accordance with this resolution.

Section 6. The City Engineer is hereby directed to make a diagram of the property affected or benefited by the proposed work or improvement, and to cause the same to be assessed to pay the costs and expenses thereof; such diagram to show each separate piece or parcel of land, the area in square feet of each said piece or parcel of land and the location of same to the proposed work to be done, all within the limits of the assessment district.

Section 7. All the streets, avenues and alleys referred to in this Resolution of Intention are public ways in the City of Torrance, California.

Section 8. The Torrance Herald, a semi-weekly newspaper, published and circulated in the City of Torrance, is hereby designated as the newspaper in which this Resolution of Intention shall be published, and the City Clerk of said City is hereby directed to cause this Resolution of Intention to be published by two insertions in said newspaper in the manner and form required by law.

Section 9. The Superintendent of Streets of said City shall, after the adoption of this Resolution of Intention, cause to be conspicuously posted along the lines of said contemplated work or improvement and along all the open streets within the heretofore described assessment district, notice of the passage of this Resolution of Intention in the manner and form required by law.

Section 10. All the proceedings for the aforesaid work and improvement shall be had and taken under and in accordance with those Acts of the Legislature of the State of California known and designated as the "Improvement Act of 1911," approved June 11, 1911, and the "Improvement Bond Act of 1915," approved June 11, 1915, and under all acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

Section 11. Reference is hereby made to the California Willite Road Construction Company's General License Agreement dated September 22nd, 1924, and on file in the office of the City Clerk in said City of Torrance.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted by vote of the Trustees of the City of Torrance, California, at an adjourned regular meeting thereof held Monday, the 29th day of September, 1924, by the following vote:

Ayes: Trustees Brooks, Deinger, Fitzhugh, Smith. Noes: Trustees none.

Absent: Trustee Torrance. Attest: (Seal) A. H. BARTLETT.

City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, California.

Noticed is hereby given that said Board of Trustees in open session on the 22nd day of September, 1924, publicly opened, examined and declared all sealed proposals or bids for doing the following work and improvement in said city, to-wit:

That portions of Arlington Avenue, Cambil Court, Border Avenue, Dominguez Street and portions of other streets in the City of Torrance be improved, said improvement consisting of construction of Sanitary Sewers, House connections and appurtenances, concrete curbs and sidewalks and 1 1/2 inch Willite wearing surface laid on a 3 1/2 inch asphaltic concrete base, all at the places, to the extent and in the manner shown on plans for same now on file in the office of the City Engineer.

For a more complete description of said work and for a description of district to be assessed to pay the costs and expenses of said work reference is hereby made to Resolution of Intention No. 189, passed and adopted August 13th, 1924, by said Board of Trustees.

And thereafter, on the 29th day of September, awarded the contract for said work to the lowest regular responsible bidder, to-wit:

J. D. Phillips at the prices named for said work in his proposal on file as follows:

Grading, complete, per square foot..... \$ 0.035

Asphaltic Pavement, per square foot..... 0.215

Concrete curb, per lineal foot..... .65

Cement sidewalk, per square foot..... .22

4-inch vitrified clay pipe sewer, per lineal foot..... 1.00

6-inch vitrified clay pipe sewer, per lineal foot..... 1.15

"Y" branches extra, each..... 1.39

Brick Manholes, each..... 116.65

Lamp holes, each..... 23.75

(Seal) A. H. BARTLETT, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, California.

Dated Sept. 29, 1924.

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