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Ask Grand Jury Investigate Mattoon District

J. H. Johnson No "Lame Duck"

By R. F. Cline

James Hervey Johnson, assessor-elect, made an extensive tour of inspection through northern San Diego county district last week. His observations of general conditions will greatly aid him in his policy of dispensing justice to all. It will pave the way for closer examination of the workings and duties of his office which he takes January 5th.

Mr. Johnson was one of our first public men to realize that there was great danger in pushing the policy enacted by the old board of supervisors and assessor's office. Johnson believes the weak should be protected against the strong. He believes in equal taxation for the rich and the poor. Johnson sees clearly that as a permanent policy some sections in San Diego county must be re-valued in order to bring real estate to the basic value it deserves.

It has ever been that public officials will receive criticism, but it is beyond me why some of our irresponsible "news sheets" (?) should begin a barrage of destructive criticism even before the new assessor has officially taken office. Any way destructive criticism is invariably issued by those that are incompetent to judge. They are of little use to themselves hence of no benefit to the community in which they reside. Destructive criticism is not attractive and should not be heeded by the people.

The people should stand firmly and squarely behind Assessor Johnson. They should be patient. They must realize he has a tough old row to hoe, but he is going to hoe it and hoe it good. The new assessor has said "that it was time the people began to look after their own interests and stop turning their pockets wrong side out and their families into the streets in order to get the applause of the spectators and shylocks.

Mr. Johnson, has in his power to correct a great many of the tax evils and the writer feels sure he will do so. If the Wrecking crew all will be well. We will and no more Tax Factors. We will all forget we ever had unequal, unjust taxes. We will even forget that such a thing could happen, or be possible in a rich and growing county like ours.

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Remember The BROOM when you send presents to your friends. Make them think.

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CHRISTMAS GREETING

By E. K. Cormack

This is Christmas week. The week of Peace and Goodwill. The week in which Jew and Gentile, the Ins and the Outs, the Fors and the Againsts, the Rich and the Poor, the Law-Observer and the Law-Breaker all alike feel flowing through their veins—more so than at any other time during the year—the heart throbs of the Brotherhood of Man.

This desire for Peace generating the spirit of Goodwill must rest upon Tolerance. A willingness to concede that those who do not agree nor see eye to eye with the ME are not therefore necessarily wrong nor in holding the opinions they do are they to be accused and condemned as undersirable members of society?

The spirit of Peace and Goodwill endeavors to find a common ground for united action. It functions through a policy of give as well as take; it compromises, it adjusts and settles differences by mutual concessions, this is the character of the Builder, by it, cities grow, flourish and become prosperous.

Peace and Goodwill die in an atmosphere of—

"I do not like thee, Doctor Fell,
The reason why I cannot tell,
But this I know and know full well,
I do not like thee, Doctor Fell."

But it thrives when we act according to—

"There is so much bad in the best of us,
And so much good in the worst of us,
That it hardly behooves any of us,
To talk bad about the rest of us."

Christmas week. Peace and Goodwill. Let us stop our snarling and barking at one another. Let us realize that in San Diego we have potential possibilities for the creation of a city which shall be the admiration of all other cities, a city in which men will find work and happiness. An unselfish working together for measures, a refusal to be one of a scalping party, the unrecognized but none the less powerful body of voters declining to be drawn into factional fights and instead pushing all factions to one side going direct to the goal of making San Diego a city of prosperity and Happy Homes.

And as—during the week of Peace and Goodwill—you think of these things; may all the readers of The BROOM and their friends enjoy **A MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

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TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Editor The Broom:

I wish to make a request which I hope you will be able to grant.

I am desirous of speaking to a gathering of representative "San Diegans" upon a subject which I deem worthy of their thought and consideration.

It pertains to the education of our coming voters. I have long felt that a most important knowledge—that of the policies of our various political parties, and their effect upon our every-day life—is a subject that the average citizen has not received sufficient instruction upon, and I believe that such knowledge ought to be obtained during school years.

I also believe that the imparting of such knowledge to our children will be of undoubted value to them and to the community in the near future.

I have evolved an idea, or plan, **for the introduction of such a study in school life** which I believe to be of a practical character, and I would much appreciate the favor of an opportunity of speaking upon this subject before the Civic Forum at some convenient date.

Thanking you in anticipation and wishing The BROOM every success,

I beg to remain sincerely yours,
J. M. Wilson

(Editor's Note—Mr. J. M. Wilson, who is a dentist with offices at Second street and Broadway, will speak before the Civic Forum on the night of January 7th, 1931.)

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IS THIS DEMOCRACY ?

When 13 per cent of families own 90 per cent of a nation's wealth and 87 per cent of the people must get along on 10 per cent of the wealth, who can call that a democracy?

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FREE LECTURES

Metaphysical Hall, 840 Ash Street. Open Forum, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Saturday, Iva Nell DeWitt, leader: "Appreciation and Inspiration." Sunday, 7:45 p. m. Golden Glow Class: "Expression". Wednesday evening 7:45, Mrs. T. Wilkins: "The Inner Voice and Divine Life Messages."

SCHOOLS AND RECREATION

By Edwin B. Tilton
Assistant Superintendent of San Diego City Schools

San Diego is one of the few cities in the country where a completely co-ordinated city and school recreational program is found. Through this arrangement school playgrounds are made available for community use during vacations and out-of-school hours.

During the past year the number of schools brought under this co-ordinated program increased from five to fourteen, with six additional school playgrounds ready to be organized as soon as funds are available.

The total playground space available for the development of school and community recreational program amounts to 180 acres distributed among 26 centers. School playgrounds represent approximately 160 acres of this total, 57 acres of which were added during the past year.

Report for a given month during the year indicate the normal volume of use of these facilities. During this month a total of 38,413 persons made use of the day or evening facilities, the attendance being as follows:

Municipal Centers	17,540	46
School Centers	20,873	54
Total	38,413	100

Day attendance contributed 27,624 of the above total with 10,789 attending the evening activities.

The athletic program of the schools has undergone several important modifications. The strenuous training and competition of American football for boys has been replaced by Speedball in all junior high schools, and the girls' program has been expanded to include play days for high schools girls.

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If your copy of The BROOM did not come this week call Randolph 2890 or drop us a line to 3865 Forty-Third street, San Diego.

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MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Sometimes something happens to make a person suspect that governmental agencies are not invariably inefficient and graft-ridden when they try to operate a public utility.

The city of Washington, Ind., owns an electric power plant, which is run under the direction of the mayor and the city council. Right now this city is using profits rolled up by that plant to pay off all of its bonded indebtedness. Some of these bonds still had 20 years to run—but they are being paid off now, and next year the citizens of Washington will find their taxes just half as high as they are now.—San Diego Sun.

Mr. George B. Bowers,
Dear Sir:

We, the people living in some of the Mattoon Districts are simply unable to meet the obligations that have been brought upon us, and it is creating a hardship on all the taxpayers of the county and city, by leaving their property become delinquent. Now may I ask whether there is a possibility of getting the state to take up say about 25 per cent of the costs of the arterial highways that have been put in under that act, with gasoline tax money. I believe that the people will be encouraged to pay their taxes again, I refer principally to Market street and National avenue, extention A & 1 D, 13 and 17 that I know of.

I am yours truly,
George W. Vogt
Box 194, Encanto

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Mr. George W. Vogt,
Box 194, Encanto.
My Dear Mr. Vogt:

In reply to yours of December 7th relative to relief from Mattoon Act assessments, I would recommend that you join the local Improvement District Assessment and Tax League of San Diego County, with offices at 941 Eighth street. That organization is now working out plans looking to relief.

In reply to your question of the possibility of getting the state to take up a part of the cost of the Mattoon Act districts. I must frankly say that such a possibility is very remote until after the problems of those districts have been thoroughly investigated by a grand jury and their legality passed upon by the courts.

At this time I recommend that you organize or join with others seeking relief, to compel a grand jury investigation. In case the grand jury fails or refuses to go into the facts, I would be willing to take the matter to the legislature.

Very sincerely,
George B. Bowers,
Member of Legislature, elect, 78th Assembly District, Cal.

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ROSEVILLE HEIGHTS PAVING

Assemblyman-elect George Bowers suggested a good plan for improvement districts. He calls it the **"Postal Ballot Proposal"**. We recommend it to the council for consideration. The residents at Roseville Heights complain that paving companies will be the only ones profited by tearing up a perfectly good dirt road to put paving on it at the expense of hard-hit taxpayers. The agents of the paving combines persuaded several owners to sign for the paving by telling them that paving will help sell their property and they will then shift the assessment on to the buyer. One would imagine that there is no fool left in San Diego who will believe such a line of talk, but the sad story is that those who consider themselves smart business men are the biggest suckers too, as the stock market gamble proved. Don't sell futures, the future might never materialize in your favor.

The following are Major Bowers reasons for **Postal Ballot Proposal:**

Great abuses have arisen under the petition and protest form of election.

Generally paid circulators, hired by interested contractors or promoters, overpersuade reluctant and uninformed property owners with glowing and frequently false promises of benefits and under-estimates of cost.

There have been frequent instances of fraud in circulation of petitions and forged signatures have been numerous.

The Postal Ballot Plan will eliminate the paid circulator, give property owners opportunity for calm consideration with the facts before him; forgery would be improbable and fraud reduced to a minimum.

Proceedings would be simplified by abolishing unnecessary and unsatisfactory hearings before the Council. The spread of the assessment would be required to be shown in the resolution of intention.

Clerk of Legislative Body transmits by registered mail to the owner of each parcel of property within the proposed district an envelope containing the following:

1. Required information about the proposal and the election.

2. A blank ballot bearing the name of the owner, the legal description of the lot, the amount of the proposed assessment against the lot, suitable space for voting, blank for signature of owner, for owner's address and the date of signature.

3. A business reply envelope addressed to the name of the proposed special assessment district at a special Post Office Lock Box. If any owner should fail to receive his ballot or spoil or lose his ballot, a duplicate so marked could be obtained of the clerk who would take a receipt for same.

The Clerk shall preserve all registry receipts and receipts for duplicates, pasted in a book in serial order.

At the time and date set for closing the election, and not before, the Clerk will open the Lock Box and remove therefrom unopened all envelopes therein and shall open same in the presence of witnesses and shall as fast as opened record the vote of each, entering in the "yes" or "no" column, as the case may be, the amount in even units of the proposed assessment given on the ballot.

When all have been opened and recorded the columns will be footed and the result shall be determined thereby.

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THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Wishing you a merry Christmas is less than half our wish. We wish you a real Christmas, a Christmas where you wake up to the realization that to give of yourself is the only gift worth while. A thief may steal a million and give a hundred to the "worthy poor" whom he has robbed, and most of them do around the holidays to sop their conscience and salvage their reputation of being public spirited.

We wish you a joyful Christmas, that you may be born again of the spirit of Christ, the lover of men. May you give the best there is in you to make a man and woman of yourself, not a mere money grubber and sewage factory, as so many are who think merely of what they will eat. Think of how much you are willing to give of your heart and life to produce in your own person a man and a woman who can be trusted and who's word shall be as good and better than a paper-bond.

We need men and women who realize their mission in life. We need them badly. We need fearless, industrious, intelligent men and women who realize that the world is not a vale of tears, that God and Nature left it to our care, that we may produce a paradise through mutual faith and co-operation. We have the means, we have the power but lack the will and the dogged determination that will not shrink back but breath faith with the last breath and then take another breath and succeed.

We wish you a real Christmas spirit. The spirit that will make you vow that your body, your mind, your heart as well as your pocketbook shall be devoted and be given utterly into the service of that ideal which the Christ represents. That your devotion to the golden rule may outshine the rule of gold until San Diego shall boast of the unique distinction that its people are interested first to make one another happy, before they think of profit. You, who realize the truth of this, come forward, join forces with your kind and do not be bashful. We need true leadership of the right kind.

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GRACE ABBOTT vs. WALL STREET

Those who live by the toil of their bodies have not fully realized the significance of the fight that was put up in Washington, D. C., when the lobbyists made a move to have the U. S. Children's Bureau transferred from the Department of Labor, to that of the Interior. Some may think that it makes no difference, since it is all the Federal Government, but there is a whale of a difference. The Department of Labor is in direct touch with the A. F. of L.; is staffed with people who are sympathetic to the workingman's point of view, while the Department of the Interior is controlled by Big Business and the employees are routine clerks who have no other aim, except to hold down their jobs by pleasing their masters.

Grace Abbott is a woman of brains, zeal and love for children. You cannot love children without being interested to improve their lot; you finally have to face the facts of our economic system. That economic system determines whether the children will be protected in their rights to equal opportunity in life. Grace Abbott therefore used her authority and her facilities as head of the children's bureau to find the cause of inequality of opportunities for children. Since she represents the Federal Government and discovers that the root of the trouble is the fact that WALL ST. representing only 13% of the families of the nation owns 90% of the national wealth and resources while the people who are 87% must get along on 10%, she has put the Federal Government in the peculiar position of showing up the United States for what it is: A nation dominated by an oligarchy.

WALL ST. and the DESPOILERS can stand anything from radicals because they can easily discount the truth of it by calling them Bolscheviks, but when the Federal Children's Bureau tells the nation that the cause of the whole trouble lies in the fact that 13% of families dominate all of us and have produced a slick system by which the rest of us automatically deliver 90 cents on the dollar into their hands, that of course has to be stopped. The only way to stop it is to transfer Grace Abbott and her bureau to the Department of the Interior, the same one that gave the oil lands away to Sinclair and Doheny and that department will soon put an end to any effective information about actual conditions in the United States.

Thank God we still have men and women of the Abbott type who dare to stand up and proclaim the truth to all the world.

GRAND JURY ADVOCATES REVOLUTION

The press reports that the Grand Jury recommended to the city council to refuse to pay the claims of deputy city engineers and attorneys for the work which they have done in preparing plans for protested improvement districts. Sanders and Jacques, attorneys, who handled the bulk of the attorney work in their turn are protesting the action of the grand jury. Who is right and who is wrong?

For one, I cannot blame the individual members of the grand jury for becoming impatient with the district attorney and employing the tactics of The BROOM and the HERALD. But what is the only remedy for a weekly, is by no means the proper procedure for a grand jury because the jury has powers and means at their command which the small editor does not possess. When I went to Klaus of the Chamber of Commerce to find out how much money McLees got for his private racket which he devides with Duffy and others, Klaus smartly told me that it was none of my business. When I went to the county hospital to find out the name of the little nurse who merely did her duty according to the rules of a mis-managed hospital by preventing my wife from receiving proper attention, Dr. Stevenson foolishly tried to throw me out; but the Grand jury can order before itself all persons and material necessary to find out who the paid agents were that put over the various improvement petitions and then charge the guilty parties with definite crimes and have the courts proceed in a lawful manner to sift the evidence and pass sentence whether or not in each particular case engineers and attorneys conspired with paving combines to mulct the public.

If A. R. Sauer summarily says that the bills should not be paid, it's the expression of an outraged sense of decency, but when the grand jury recommends such a thing it is recommending "official revolution". It recommends that the council take the law in its own hands and lynch the accused parties without due process of law and trial. With other words the grand jury has reported that our authorities have fallen down on their duty of protecting the public from unscrupulous promoters and recommend therefore to those same authorities to cover up their own inefficiency by adding lynch law to their long list of failings.

That paid agents worked for paving concerns is an open secret. That engineers and attorneys knew of it and in some cases helped defray the expenses of these agents is another sad state of affairs. They reap now what they have sown. But the remedy is not summary lynch law, but a patient sifting of facts with a will and determiniation to catch those who did the dirty tricks and bring them before the court for trial. When convicted, then of course the attorneys and engineers will have no legal claims, until then the city is bound to pay, for it cannot contract and default on its obligations. The precedent is too dangerous on general principles, no matter how honestly we all can tell that the paving combines are a menace to the taxpayers and home owners of San Diego. Government of the people, by the people, for the people, it with proper officials and not the kind that the outgoing district attorney represented and employed in his office.

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WHO IS AN OPTIMIST?

Have you met the man who refuses to be cowed? The man who still has faith in man and in himself? The man who sees in all evil his opportunity to do good and demonstrate the weakness of evil that can not persist in the presence of one who does his best. The optimist is not the man who sugar-coats evil conditions and chants: "All is well", when most is rotten. The optimist is he who is not daunted by the rottenness of things and as a matter of course takes hold and turns the tide for better.

The optimist is invincible, because he does not look to an impossible God or Providence to wash his face and sweep his house, but takes soap and water and the BROOM and does his own house cleaning. It's all in the day's work to him. The optimist is one who is not afraid of evil, one who does not cow before corrupt gangs, for he knows their weakness and trips them over as one blows into a house of cards. He is not alarmed, but jauntily takes hold of his duties and performs them whether they be scavanger work or a lecture on co-operation. Its all part of the job, so why make any fuss about it?

The optimist knows that all people are people and must eat and have shoes and progeny and live together in groups and cities. He knows that intelligence and good faith are at a premium. So instead of catering to the fickle whims of this and that one, he serenely goes about his business and attends to his own unfoldment of intelligence and industrious persistence of doing his best.

An optimist is he that does his best and does not worry about the rest. Are you an optimist?

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EIGHT MILLION DOLLAR THIEF

Those of our readers who remember the story of the expert trickster as told in the November 16th issue of The BROOM, where a lawyer had been hired by a banker to beat us out of wages which he owed us in company with several other boys who had worked on a subdivision in Los Angeles county, will recall what the lawyer told us. That lawyer at first did not care to talk with us because he said that we were not a lawyer and later, after we had hired a lawyer, he proposed to beat our lawyer out of his fee by asking us to sign a private settlement which contained a clause that we shall receive 50 per cent of our wages when all the boys have signed. Two of the boys had left the country and we would never have collected our wages. Besides that the lawyer said that the banker was giving us that money out of the kindness of his heart, since we had no case in court and could never collect. That was when we smelled a rat and refused to sign, for we yet have to meet a banker who pays out money he does not have to pay. Subsequently we forced the lawyer and the banker to pay 75 per cent instead of signing that contract, by threatening to disbar the banker's laywer for advising us to beat our lawyer out of his fee.

The banker in the case was no one else than GILBERT H. BEESEMYER of the Guarantee Building and Loan Association of Hollywood, who had embezzled those 7 or 8 million dollars.

MEDICAL TOPICS

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The Civic Forum

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PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

George N. Falconer gave us a very illuminating talk on Soviet Russia. The meeting started off with a moderate crowd, but they kept on coming in, almost till the last moment, in twos and threes and filled the auditorium. There were many there who had never been at the Forum before. Also many who had never heard of The BROOM.

Falconer is an enthusiast. He wisely stated right at the start of his talk that the leaders of Russia are not fooling themselves that they are producing the ideal, but they are on the way towards a better social state, considering the character and deep state of ignorance of the masses at the collapse of the Romanoff regime.

As an expounder of what the moving minds of Russia intend to do, Falconer holds the palm. He gave us genuine glimpses of what has already been accomplished to solve social problems for Russia by substituting mass co-operation for general competition. The progress for the worker is immense considering the handicaps. All the soul of Russia is neither as red nor as dark as it is commonly painted, and we as the conductor of the Forum wish to add, that it is neither as brilliant as a cursory glance from Falconer's glimpses might impress some. Russia is so vast and has so many peoples within its own borders who are not in sympathy with the methods employed by the present rulers, but must submit to the rule of violence, that the present regime cannot be as yet considered to have solved the problems of all its subjects, and by that they will be known as well as by the success they have had with their sympathizers. To do justice to antagonists is as vital as to please one's friends.

The misery and the squalor of the disenfranchised classes in Russia continues to be an indictment against the rulers just as the misery and fear of the millions of dis-employed people in America is an indictment against Wall Street, Washington, D. C. and every state capitol.

Ed Summers, well known real estate man of East San Diego, who is very much interested in making San Diego self supporting in a measure as will establish a source of income independent of outer conditions, will speak next Wednesday, December 24th, at the Civic Forum in the Plymouth Congregational Church, 2717 University avenue, at 7:30 o'clock: "Bringing factories to San Diego to give the people employment."

Ed summarizes the amount of money spent yearly for shoes, shirts and many other articles which could be easily produced in San Diego and estimates it to be at least $4,000,000 in that line alone, which money is lost to San Diego while it could be put into a continuous circle of circulation to insure stability of economic conditions. All who are interested in the present conditions and intend to do their share to improve matters for their own benefit are invited to attend.

Mrs. James Fitch Wooding, reader, recently arrived from New Haven, Connecticut, will recite the "Ballad of Sweet Peas" by J. Woodward Cloud.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

By Dr. O. Z. Hanish

To attain to health and keep it, to prevent disease and eradicate it, Nature provided a few simple rules which are not only to be known but must be observed if life is to prove a state of joy and success.

1. Never use fruits and vegetables at the same time.

2. Select your food according to the production of the season.

For the first meal of the day, or breakfast, use fresh fruits or fruit juices, whatever of the local market or imported, adding rolled oats, wheat or rice.

4. For the second meal of the day, or lunch, have a salad, toast or any wholesome unfermented bread.

5. For the third meal use seasonable appetizers such as diverse melons, cucumbers or gourds in general, and in their absence whatever salad stuffs are procurable, like tomatoes, endives, celery, chicory, chives, green onions, leek, kale, cabbage, lettuce, fennel, sorrel, watercress, radishes; carrots; beets; and turnips; the three latter being available at any time. In addition to fresh appetizers use any vegetable or any vegetables, suitable for baking or steaming in their own juice, using absolutely no water in preparing such dishes, adding olive, sunflower, cocoanut, peanut, corn or cooking oil to avoid scorching, and steam over a slow fire. Fresh biscuits or yeast-free breadstuffs may be added to suit the taste, although raw cereals are preferred.

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A. K. Weir makes them. If you live in East San Diego go and get them. They are plain and they are coated with sugar or chocolate also. You can phone or you can call at the shop. Phone Randolph 3003 or drive to 3003 Adams avenue. Just one number to remember. His shortening is purely vegetable. The Weir's Do-nuts are famous in the Mission Hills where he had his shop for the last 18 months and they will be just as famous in the new location. You can buy them made from whole wheat or white flour. If you phone they will be delivered.

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SAN DIEGO RIVER DEVELOPMENT

The editor of The BROOM had hoped to be able to speak only well of Col. Ed. Fletcher having had his first impressions exclusively from the articles penned in the HERALD. For this reason the Civic Forum was used as a means of getting better acquainted with the Colonel. He did well and we need not tell of all our secret observations we made during that evening. The conductor of the Forum has the advantage of sitting in front and observing the faces of the whole audience as well as getting a good side view of all guest speakers. This enables him most of the time to be left untouched by the spell which speakers cast upon audiences and view the proceedings from the sidelines, receiving a pretty good insight into methods as well as character of the guest speakers.

Col. Fletcher revealed at the Forum that he has had a lot of foresight and get-up-ness to put over projects in the face of opposition. The question which is still pending fire is to what extent is he interested in the welfare of the communities who depend upon his projects for their well-being and to what extent does he merely use them to satisfy his own desire of doing things and gathering in the shekels.

We were willing to suspend judgment and let events speak for themselves. The latest move was the protest to the Secretary of the Interior with the advice of refusing to accept the proferred check of the city to San Diego. The Colonel claims that this move was necessary for the protection of the people of the district. Maybe.

We are a little suspicious already about the grave concern the Colonel shows for the good of the district. The district always pays the bills for such protection, but whether it gets protection or merely enables the Colonel to protect his own interests at the expense of the people within the district is a matter which the people of the hinterland ought to investigate and scrutinize most seriously before they yield to any further moves instigated by Col. Ed. Fletcher for "the protection of the district". Remember the Colonel is no longer the Cuyamaca district. Somebody will pay the bonds to him. And the interest of the city of San Diego and of the people of the hinterland is closely interwoven. We will not be far wrong if we advise them both to keep a watchful eye on the Colonel's disinterestedness in this game.

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WE DO NOT PROSECUTE

Friends have informed us that we have a perfect case against Dr. Stevenson for damages for having started to throw us out of a public building, when we were there on business within our rights. We are being urged to start suit for at least $10,000. We need the money, but we do not even consult a lawyer. We do not want money that badly. The scrap between a public official and a public editor is not a private affair. Mr. de Aryan might sue, but the editor refuses to even think of it. The editor stands and rises with the recognition of the truth by this community and will not bolster his position by appealing to the courts—for money.

OUR COURT HOUSE GANG

Have spent a very nice afternoon with the supervisors. There was Dr. Schroeder too and Dr. Stevenson holding a copy of The BROOM with the story of our little heroic scrap at the County Hospital. The hearings of the case of Mrs. de Aryan had been set for 2 o'clock, but young Miss Schaaf, the nurse who told Dr. Schroeder that the finances of Mrs. de Aryan were under investigation and that she was not to receive the treatment given regular clinic patients, that same young lady kept us all waiting by being dutifully over half an hour late. Of course the court reporter was not on time either.

But I had a good time of it. I knew they were going to decide against paying the bill of Dr. Thomas for giving treatment that the County Hospital should have given, but I was interested to see in which manner they were going to white-wash the County Hospital and everything went according to expectations. Talk, there was plenty and very little was said. I actually learned to like the whole bunch of them they were so genuine. They worked hard to discredit the testimony of Mrs. de Aryan and myself. To establish their own short-comings as a matter of court record, of course, could not be expected, even though they were under oath. It was just an out-smarting contest, as most of our court cases turn out to be the country over. Never mind the justice of a case. Show how smart you are to prove the other fellow a liar, whether he is one or not.

Tom Hurley took the palm of smartness. He found out that after Mrs. de Aryan had been definitely told to return after one week, when her financial status would have been investigated, that she should have returned after two days instead of going to a private physician; that carried.

Tom Hurley should be the chairman of the next board. He is smart. No question about that. Hornbeck is at the foot of the class. Dr. Good ranks above Hornbeck and as between Aul and Hastings, it's just a toss up. But Hurley is the natural born chairman. He is smart. I did not say intelligent, for to be intelligent one must love Truth naturally and instinctively and be honest above all things, but Hurley is smart, the smartest of them all, if that is any consolation to the taxpayers after the whole board approved the pay roll with Tex Liljgren, the self-confesstd embezzler and pay roll padder, back as foreman.

They really believed that the case of Mrs. de Aryan vs. the County Hospital neglect was on trial. They were way mistaken. What I needed was a first hand exhibition of their use of the white wash brush. We have to put up with them till the next regular or recall election and so I had to know their methods to get ready to apply the remedy in due course of events and they gave a perfect exhibition. They found the loop hole and here it is: After Mrs. de Aryan was told to come back after one week, **she should have come back right away.** And instead of calling up Dr. Schroeder who handled the case and had told me over the phone **that he had to abstain from giving regular patient treatment to patients whom the County Hospital is yet investigating,** I should not have taken the wife to a private physician for immediate relief but should have taken up the matter with Dr. Stevenson even though Stevenson testified that he could not order Schroeder what to do.

Of course Dr. Schroeder stoutly denied having made the statement about discrimination **at the behest of the INSTITUTION.** I could not expect him to confess such a blunder in public. It takes a genius to confess one's mistakes in public. But the mills of God grind slowly, I have seen plenty of examples in my life time. One of them is Beesemyer of Hollywood come to bay just now, after trying to beat me out of my wages seven years ago.

As a witness Dr. Schroeder is a whiz. He took quite a lot of pains to discredit Dr. Brust, from the city emergency hospital, as a diagnostician. Dr. Brust had advised the wife that unless that puss comes out immediately from the sinus cavity, she is liable to become permanently deaf. And Dr. Schroeder did his best to prove that Dr. Brust did not know what he was talking about and Aul agreed with him, **having had sinus trouble too and that was taken as proof** that the wife and myself had no business being alarmed, even though she could not sleep from pain in the ear, and should not have gone to Dr. Thomas for immediate relief.

Well, folks, you have had enough of "personal matters" in this issue. You will never believe a thing till it hits you personally, then you will realize that something ought to be done about it, but there will be 149,000 San Diegans left who will tell you to keep your personal business to yourself and the court house gang will continue to merrily wield the white wash brush.

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300 county employees are slated for the ax; 300 new men to break in at the expense of the taxpayers. The spoil system is too darn costly and wasteful and makes for gangs instead of public servants. It's a crime. We could not expect the supervisors to introduce civil service; they introduced Tex Liljgren instead, that is all the sense of honesty and decency they are able to exhibit and those fellows handle millions of tax dollars. No wonder.

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The supervisor's inquiry in Mrs. de Aryan's case brought out the need of having as social investigators and as nurses, persons who are tactful enough not to offend the sensibilities of those whom they investigate, especially sick people who are sensitive to every little kindness or unkindness.

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Remember The BROOM when you send presents to your friends. Make them think.

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"What is man that thou art mindful of him?" Answer: One per cent knowledge, one per cent wisdom and the balance conceit and ignorance.

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The source of most of the ills of the world lies in glib optimism.—Rev. Reinhold Neibuhr.

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KIDDIES COLUMN

Turn The Other Cheek

By C. Leon and Genevieve de Aryan

We have taught our children not to kiss on the mouth and not to permit anyone to kiss them on the mouth, not even their parents. When they will grow up to have sweethearts, they can do as they choose, but promiscous kissing is a danger to their health and they might as well protect themselves. We as parents realize that we both have suffered from pyorrhea at certain times and why be a cause of suffering to our dear ones?

Daddy usually kisses every body on the forehead when he goes to work, mother included, so the children have a good example and as he goes from the one to the other to receive their smack, he turns the other cheek. David gets the right cheek, mother the left cheek and Frederick another spot on the right cheek so he won't lick up David's saliva, as little as is left of it. A little precaution will save a lot of dentist's bills, besides aches and pains.

The children have been instructed to quickly turn their head when some one tries to kiss them and offer the cheek. Some people are too insistent and do not realize that a kiss to be joyful must be prompted by mutual affection. When children come spontaneously to kiss you, its one thing, but when suppressed sex excitement propels grown-ups to shower it upon the little ones, these must be able to take care of themselves already in the crib.

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THE CAUSE OF DIS-EMPLOYMENT

For having told the Truth as the head of the U. S. Children's Bureau, Grace Abbott had to put up a fight not to have her Bureau removed from the Department of Labor, where it is in harmonious and symapthetic company, and placed under the Department of the Interior where they do as BIG BUSINESS orders them about, as for example: "Tea Pot Dome."

You must fully realize the whole import of that woman's report. As a representative of the Federal Government, with full authority, she goes to work to find out what ought to be done to give children an equal opportunity in life and so she collects facts and figures as to family incomes. She discovers then that 13% of all the families of the land own 90% of all the income, while 87% of the families must subsist on 10% of the national income.

She has given us the cause of our social evils in a nutshell. Now remember that the 10% of the remaining wealth is not equally distributed among the 87%. We are writing to Washington to find out how that is proportioned again, for it will tell one of the most lurid tales and indict our economic and politic body even more than the above figures.

You, who are vitally interested that children, as well as all citizens, shall have equal opportunities for the pursuit of happiness and well-being in life, you must never for one moment forget that without the assistance and connivance of congress such a flagrant discrimination in the distribution of wealth could not have taken place, nor could it be maintained. What applies to congress, applies to the state legislatures as well. You will have to study the matter thoroughly and such disinterested workers as Grace Abbott have helped to open your eyes to the true situation.

When a man is sick, the first thing is to diagnose his case. The world, as well as the United States, is sick, very sick indeed. Can you understand now how easily it was to sell this country into the world war, which according to the eye witness, vice-president Marshall, "was sold to protect investments". Marshall saw what happened on the inside, even though a friend of Wilson, he was man enough to tell the world what the real motive of the "democracy" propaganda had been.

When 13% of the people have the whole say-so, it is easy to sell you literarily into war and to bleed you to death. You were sold then, you are sold now into a world wide depression, to a large extent as the after-math of the profiteering wave, which grew so strong during the war, where men and women learned to make money off the miseries of others. They still expect to sell your "futures" on the stock exchange and gamble on it to get rich quick, without working.

The cause of all our social evil is in that tell-tale 13% who command 90% of every dollar you and I produce. Whenever you earn and produce one dollar; 100 cents; 90 cents thereof finds its way painlessly into the hands of the 13%, who are our overlords. How do you like that prospect? It's done so cunningly that it takes a lover of children and a fearless woman to uncover the facts.

If you want to give an equal opportunity to your children and mine, stop fighting over the distribution of the 10%, stop competing with one another and under cutting and throat cutting. Introduce legislation that will provide channels of distribution, whereby one dollar earned will not turn out to have the buying power of a dime in your hands and of 90 cents in the hands of your overlords, who run and command the economic system of this nation. Wall street must become Main street if democracy is to be a fact and not a fool's fancy.

You, in California who have followed the Billings and Mooney tragedy and travesty on justice, can fully appreciate that the 13% of California overlords have determined that these men be kept in jail because they were guilty of organizing the workingmen of the state to go after the 90% of that dollar which they help produce but never own. Billings and Mooney were crude in their methods and thereby left themselves open to attack. They were workingmen and not cultured fellows. For this reason they resorted to violence in their tactics and it was easy to arouse popular passion against them at their trial and accuse them of having again resorted to violence. They are learning now that chickens come home to roost. But just the same, they are not guilty of the crime accused. Still it is easy to understand how 13% can block the wheels of justice and how effectively they are doing it.

If you are not going to take an active interest in the conduct of your government, in the economic and scientific situation, you are going to perpetuate the rule of the 13%, yes that unlucky 13. Force will not solve the situation. Use your leisure to develop your brain. Study, work, attend meetings where thinkers help you think, do not lay down. As painlessly as they are able to secret 90% of the buying power of your dollar, as smartly and painlessly must you be able to take it back. Intelligence rules, not force. By force you merely go from one tyrant to another. They are all alike. Learn to think for yourself, that alone will insure common opportunities for all. Our battles are fought on the plane of intelligence and no longer on the bloody fields of carnage where victors lose. There can be no equality in material opportunities where there is no equality in intelligence.

The Safety Valve

More Money to J. V. Coleman

Editor The Broom:

If the readers of your enterprising paper will cast their eye on the first page of the Union of December 16th, they will see the results of just what is being put over on the taxpayers of San Diego at every change of the moon, or oftener.

"160 acres sold for $250,000 in the college area, to the Bell-Lloyd Company." Who wanted the college located out in the sage brush, miles from anywhere? Why, the man who owned that 160 acres and other equally "city-be-damned," people who can unload their lands for from ten to a hundred times what they cost; and **who could have afforded to give a fortune to the powers that be to "INFLUENCE" them to locate our college** where it would enhance the value of their lands.

And, who opposed the college being put in the park where we have hundreds of acres, right in the heart of our city? Only the people who have 99 per cent of sentiment and ONLY ONE per cent of regard for our taxpayers, who must pay, and keep on paying, for improving this part of the park—continual EXPENSE with NOTHING to show for it but some more scenery, when we already have TEN TIMES as much scenery as more than one in a hundred of us can get time to make use of.

But, thanks to SOME of our people, the $435,000 park BOND issue was NOT, nor will it EVER be voted onto us, nor will we ever vote any more bonds while that $4,941,986.78 SURPLUS, which Colman reveals is on hand promising other revelations to follow.

Good luck to Colman, I say, and heard a lady say she wished she had $500 to give Colman to help carry on his investigations. "Me too."

Capt. Chas. F. May

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CHRIST, OUR FRIEND

Suppose you are hungry, cold and tired, just weary, what are you looking for? Suppose you have done something wrong and fearfully ran away from its consequences, what are you looking for? Suppose you are dissatisfied with the present, what are you looking for? Suppose that you are not even aware that you are dissatisfied, but are looking for something for which you are ready to give much, what are you looking for?

Whatever it be that you are looking for, it must be a part of yourself that had not come into life as yet fully. Bear that in mind. Something in you, but not yet in the world, and so you are looking for it. You are hungry, cold and dis-employed, because somebody else owns the land, the capital, the tools of production and you have nothing left but your legs and the right to walk the streets until you collapse. But there is a sense in you that says that you have more than that comming. You are searching for it, you walk the streets expecting it to be just around the corner, to meet you somewhere, you know not how, but you must find it or the future is bleak.

You have done something wrong but fear the consequences, you are looking for forgiveness, so that you may be yourself again to start anew, to do better. Something in you tells you that the social punishment is too harsh for what you did and you refuse to submit to it. You hope to find an opportunity to do better.

You see that it is wrong to work and never get ahead, you are dissastisfied and you hope that somehow the time will appear, when you own what you produce and no one can take it from you, when your value is not diminished by the word of another.

Suppose you just dream of times that could be, should be, you know not why, but there it's in you, and wants to come out into the world, to be a better world, than it is—for you.

Folks, you may know it or not, but there it is, in all of us, we are looking for the — Christ, to come.

Tired, hungry and cold, weary in heart and spirit, we are looking for love, that asks not questions, happily serves to make us whole and cozy. A wrong we have done, we hate it, but to go to jail is even worse, for it will make us even more helpless to do better, and we try to hide it, and are looking for some one to confess, to talk to, some one to help us to do better, not worse, some one to befriend us to rise, not drop. We are looking for a heart, for a mind, steady and kind, whom we can trust not to betray us, to forgive and love us, to help, not to break us. We are looking for the Christ in men, not the hangman in them.

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NEW CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING

The Committee of Eight met at the mayor's office to discuss with press representatives the publicity phase of the work attending the education of the public to unite in one common effort in order to produce a new city and county building. Frank Goodman, city editor of the Tribune, appeared on behalf of the Union-Tribune daily publications, while the Sun was not represented.

Mayor Clark, as chairman of the meeting, requested C. Leon de Aryan to state the purpose of the committee so that there shall be no confusion as to the work, purpose and methods in the minds of the public. de Aryan reiterated that the main aim of the committee is to weld the various civic groups into one comittee by sending delegates from each body throughout the county to meet, become acquainted and then in a friendly spirit find the common aim and needs of the county and city and work to produce a building. The aim of the committee is not to lay plans for a civic center, but to study the facts of the various locations, the cost of building on the various sites, the political situation and sentiment of the people until the best possibility becomes evident. He requested the press to help produce a spirit of common interest and bond by reporting the proceedings within the committee in a manner that will strenghten the ties of good will and not lay undue stress on differences.

Mayor Clark reported on his findings about making borings at the various sites to determine the nature of the subsoil and the committee adjourned after discussing other incidental matters to meet on Tuesday evening, January 6, 1931, at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the New Chamber of Commerce building at Broadway and Columbia streets, when delegates from all civic bodies of the county and city will be initiated into the committee.

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