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COMPANIONS FOR LIFE

Marriage of Ralph J. Lord and Miss Marie Caskey, Popular Young People, at Congregational Church.

One of the most noteworthy social events of the past week was the very pretty wedding of Miss Marie Caskey and Mr. Ralph Lord, which occurred at the Congregational church on Christmas Eve.

The church was handsomely decorated under the direction of Miss Campbell, the Christmas colors, red and green, being employed, with a touch of white.

Just before the bridal party entered the church Miss Gertrude Cook sang "Because," by d'Hardelot, in a very pleasing manner, Miss Alta Rice presiding at the piano.

The bridal party entered to the music of the Wedding March from Lohengrin and were preceded by the ushers bearing two floral arches, decorated with large, white true lovers' bows, the groom meeting the bride at the altar.

The ushers were the Misses Maybelle Caley, Winnifred Graham, Lenore Morgan and Stella Norris.

The bridesmaids were in white and carried pink carnations; they were Miss Hazel Rice, maid of honor, and Miss Elsie Caskey.

The groom was attended by Mr. Henry Caskey and Mr. Convers Twycross.

The bridal pair stood beneath a wedding bell of orange blossoms. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor of the church.

The bride's gown was white lace over silk, made princess, and she carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses.

The marriage is the culmination of a college acquaintance which began several years ago in the East.

Miss Caskey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Caskey and has lived in Sierra Madre several years, where she has a host of friends.

Mr. Lord, who is an estimable young man, is identified with a work which is making history for Southern California, being one of the engineers of the Los Angeles aqueduct survey.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents.

PIERCE FAMILY REUNION.

Mother, Ten Sons and Daughter Spend Christmas Together.

A particularly pleasing family reunion occurred in Los Angeles Christmas when Mrs. Frances Pierce and her ten sons, one of whom is Prof. E. T. Pierce of this city, and her daughter, Mrs. S. I. Wheat of Garvanza, met to spend the holiday together.

Dinner was partaken of at Levy's, Prof. Pierce presiding at the head of the table. Many pleasant reminiscences were indulged in and an enjoyable time had by all present.

AT CHRISTMAS TIME

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FESTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

Churches Entertain Little Ones—Children's Party Given by Woman's Club—Dinner Parties and Other Social Events—Sweet Music in Early Morning.

Very pleasing and well rendered was the Christmas cantata at the Congregational church Monday evening, and a large audience of adults and children were present. The cantata, which was entitled "Santa Claus in Slumberland," represented the changing of "Uncle Crusty," a mischievous old fellow who had none of the Christmas spirit, into "Uncle Dearie," by the magic wand and influence of Santa Claus.

Those having the cantata in charge are deserving of much credit for the success which attended its presentation. They were Miss Alta Rice, chairman, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Hill, Miss Hill, Miss Elsie Caskey.

The cast of characters follows:

Santa Claus.....	Paul Smith
Uncle Crusty.....	Charles Camp
Uncle Dearie.....	Donald Graham
Paul.....	Edna Hill
Virginia.....	Gilbert Wright
Will.....	Raymond Anderson
Hal.....	George Whitworth
George.....	Norman Olsen
Earl.....	Victor Hill
Frank.....	Eugene Sweatt
Roy.....	John Olsen
Fred.....	Marjorie Anderson
Aunt Dorcas.....	Irene Petticomb
Dorothy.....	Dorothy Camp
Marie.....	Ruth Henderson
Maude.....	Helen Janson
Jennie.....	Charlene Baker
Fairy.....	

It would be difficult to single out those worthy of special commendation when the general standard of excellence was so high. The church decorations were in fine taste and were greatly admired.

At the conclusion of the cantata Santa Claus and Uncle Dearie distributed gifts to the children present and the entertainment came to a close with a feeling of Christmas good cheer much in evidence.

The Christmas offering to the poor of the city consisted of two boxes of clothing and provisions and seven dollars in money. The Sunday School never was as large as it is at present under the efficient superintendency of Mr. A. S. Mead, one hundred and twenty-nine being present last Sunday. There is pressing need for increased accommodation.

FAMILY GATHERING.

Old Residents Express Surprise at Growth of City.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Norris entertained a family gathering on Christmas day which brought to Sierra Madre some

old residents. They all expressed surprise at the progress the city has made during the past year.

There were fourteen seated at the table which was handsomely decorated with holly, and a feast royal indulged in, after which they adjourned to the Christmas tree which had been prepared. From the tree were picked the favors, clinging to its branches, which produced many pleasant surprises and a most enjoyable afternoon.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Taylor, of Highlands; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baker, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Eliza McMillan, of Omaha, Neb.; Miss Marion Decker, Los Angeles; Miss Hilda Lockhart and Miss Marjorie Lockhart, of Pasadena, and Mrs. King, of Sierra Madre.

CHRISTMAS FROLIC.

Peanut Hunt, Games and Refreshments for Little Children.

Last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock the little ones of the Church of the Ascension met at the rectory for their Christmas party. The frolic began with a "peanut hunt," in which little Gerald Hamilton was the prize winner. After an hour of games, sherbert and cake were served in the dining room, then the tree, aglow with candles, and resplendent in Christmas decorations, was uncovered and each child received a gift, a bag of candy and a banana. In addition, Denwood Newbury was given a prize for having the best lessons for the year, and Katherine Howard received a book for being present the greatest number of Sundays. The party was ended by a Christmas carol.

The older children spent the evening of the same day from 7 to 10 at the rectory. After a period of games and fun, refreshments were served and the tree lighted anew. Gifts were distributed to the young people and a prize was given to Nellie Hatfield for the best attendance during the year.

On Sunday morning a special Christmas service was held for the little ones in the Church of the Ascension. Mr. Bentham made a brief address on the "Meaning of Christmas." The infant class sang a carol and the older classes sang several Christmas hymns.

Miss Henrietta Gifford, the primary teacher in our local school, is spending the school vacation in Los Angeles.

MEETING OF TRUSTEES

Owing to Absence of Attorney, Little Was Done Last Night—Will Meet Again To-Night.

There was a called meeting of the city trustees for last night, the principal business being to consider street work, but owing to the absence of City Attorney Walter Haas, but little was accomplished.

A delegation of property owners on Central avenue, between Sierra Madre and Sunnyside avenues, appeared before the board, requesting the privilege of improving their portion of the street by private contract, as they desired to have the work done at once, without waiting for the slower process of the Vrooman act. As proceedings had been started under that act, however, the trustees were of opinion that it was too late to consider a petition for private contract.

Improvements may be made by any property owner, in compliance with the plans and specifications on file with the city engineer and city clerk, if application is made before the passage of the ordinance of intention to have the work done, but after that, in the opinion of the trustees, the entire work must be let in accordance with the terms of the ordinance. The question will be submitted to the city attorney for an opinion, which will probably be rendered to-night.

W. P. Caley, city tax collector, reported collections for the week amounting to \$112.08.

The city clerk was authorized to procure all necessary legal blanks for use of the recorder's court.

MIMIC SNOWBALLS.

Excellent Entertainment of Little Ones by Woman's Club.

On Monday afternoon, December 23d, the Woman's Club gave a Christmas party for the club children and many others. It was one of the most delightful children's parties which has ever been given in Sierra Madre. The hall was beautifully decorated with greenery and Christmas bells, and at each side of the stage was placed a Christmas tree glowing with many tiny electric bulbs, and decorated with paper caps and tinsel. During the afternoon Santa Claus arrived on a horse and presented every child with a box of candy. Ice cream and cake were served to all guests. Kramer's orchestra, Miss Angelotti leader, furnished the music for dancing.

The cotillion followed six dances and consisted of six figures, among them a scarf dance, the May pole dance and the sleigh bell dance. Favors for the girls were balloons, Christmas trees and bells, while the boys had small silk flags. At the end of the cotillion a huge snowball of small snowballs was thrown into the room and a snow fight of confetti ended the delightful afternoon.

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Speaking of an elastic currency, one way to make it elastic is to cease employing gambling bankers with an elastic conscience.

NEW MANAGER.

J. H. Bradford Will Assume Charge of Sierra Madre Dairy.

Mr. J. H. Bradford an experienced dairyman from Indiana, will assume the management of the Sierra Madre Dairy. Mr. Bradford recently moved to the city and occupies the Griswold property. Mr. Stanton will still remain interested in the business. The first of the year the dairy will be moved to east Central avenue, on the bluffs above the Little Santa Anita, where it will be arranged in first class order and conducted along the most sanitary methods, insuring the purest milk and cream to their customers. The company desires to thank all their patrons for past favors and solicits a continuance of the same, together with the many new ones. 12-13

Whipped Wrong Twin—Sued.

A schoolmaster in Pennsylvania has been sued because he punished a twin for a misdeed of the other twin, or, rather, he punished both for the misdeed of one of them. Or—it was like this: one was bad, and the class teacher whipped the other. Then she thought she had made a mistake, and started to whip the one, but he changed seats with the other, so that the other was whipped twice. The principal, to make sure, whipped both. Then the parents brought suit. — Youth's Companion.

Meeting Postponed.

Owing to the illness of Capt. J. A. Osgood, the meeting of persons interested in the improvement of Grand View avenue which was to have been held in the office of the Adams-Osgood company last night has been postponed until further notice.

LOST—A roll of green burlap. Finder please call up phone Blue 17 and receive reward. 12

To Kill Wolves.

Eleven hunters are to be sent this winter after the wolves and other predatory animals that infest the stock-raising country, says the Youth's Companion. The department of agriculture began in October an inquiry into the hunting ability of various applicants for the positions, for it wishes to employ only skillful men. It is estimated that in certain parts of New Mexico each full grown wolf kills a yearling steer or a calf every three days. If the wolves can be exterminated, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of collars' worth of cattle will be saved every year. The eleven hunters to be employed will be sent to the Sawtooth forests in Idaho, the Wind River division of the Yellowstone, the Highwood mountain forests in Montana, the northern division of the Grand Canyon forest in Arizona, the Park Range forest in Colorado, the Dixie forest, Utah, the Trinity forest, California, the Imuaha forest, Oregon, and the Montezuma forest in Colorado. Other hunters will go to western Texas and New Mexico.

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Brief Items of Interest

E. W. Camp, who was called away on business some days ago, has returned to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Armstrong, of Long Beach, are spending a few months in Sierra Madre.

George F. Ross came in from Imperial Monday for a short visit with his brother, Wm. G. Ross.

Mrs. R. A. Kimball and her daughter Gladys are spending the holidays with relations in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyelert, of Riverside, are expected to arrive to-morrow for a short visit with their old friends, the Steinbergers.

Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook of Cleveland, Ohio, have spent the past week in Sierra Madre, stopping at the Inn. They think Sierra Madre an ideal place.

Mrs. Holmes of Baldwin avenue, who was seriously injured some weeks ago by a fall, is reported to be improving, and is now able to be about the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Cox of Long Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cox of Lawrence, Kan., are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pool and their niece, Miss Gardner.

On Sunday morning next, Rev. J. M. Campbell will preach in the Congregational church on "Measuring Day." The evening subject will be "The Closing Call of the Year."

Mrs. C. W. Hill entertained at Christmas dinner her aunt and cousin, Mrs. Georgia Bacon and Miss Marie Bacon of Mentone, Cal.; also Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hall, relatives from Sawtelle, Cal.

Dr. W. R. Pike, of Long Beach, is spending Christmas week in his bungalow on Mountain Trail avenue. He has as guests Prof. Lester Black, of the Long Beach public schools, and his wife and child.

Monday morning's mail was the heaviest ever received at the Sierra Madre postoffice. Not only the incoming, but the outgoing mail was also sufficiently large to make Postmaster Gregory realize that there was something doing.

Mr. H. C. Day entertained at dinner last evening for a number of his young friends. Covers were laid for eight. Among those present were Miss Mae Campbell, Gertrude Cook, Edith Blumer and Lottie Humphries; Messrs. Lion, Simpson and Ferguson.

A very pleasant dinner party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Burton Andrews Christmas day to relatives of the family, among those present being Mr. and Mrs. Walter Andrews and son, Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Andrews and children of Highland Park.

C. W. Page, of Riverside, has purchased two lots in the Sierra Madre Park tract from Mr. C. W. Jones. The selection of this site speaks well for Sierra Madre. Mr. and Mrs. Page had thoroughly investigated all the surrounding towns and when they saw this property they hunted up the owner, purchased it and moved to this city, occupying temporary quarters, pending the exception of a house, plans for which are being pushed.

Mrs. O. C. Dranga, of San Diego, was a guest of her mother Mrs. E. M. Tufts, on Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Hill has been confined to her bed this week with an attack of la grippe.

The editor wishes to thank his friends for the Christmas gifts sent in to the News office.

Dr. W. Jarvis Barlow and family spent Christmas week at their home on Highland avenue.

Miss Bransby, of Los Angeles, was a Christmas guest of her brother, Mr. J. Ransom Bransby.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Irwin entertained Pastor Campbell and family at dinner on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Stukey and niece, Miss Ruth Henderson, spent Christmas at their home in Hollywood.

Miss Elizabeth Steinberger, who is teaching in one of the Santa Monica public schools is home for her vacation.

Mrs. E. J. Van Doren, a former resident of Sierra Madre, but now living in Los Angeles, is a visitor at the home of A. L. Caskey.

Miss Mattie Madden, who has been visiting at the home of her uncle, L. E. Steinberger returned to her home in San Francisco this morning.

Miss Bonnie E. Walts and her father Wm. Walts who are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steinberger had a very enjoyable trip to Catalina Island Tuesday.

Mrs. Georgia Bacon and daughter and Mrs. C. W. Hill and children, spent a delightful afternoon yesterday driving through Sierra Madre and Pasadena.

Miss M. C. Brandt and friend Mrs. Bach of New York are passing the Christmas vacation on a mountain trip, making Camp Sturtevant headquarters.

The return of Miss Dorothy Humphries is noted with pleasure; she has been attending Pomona college at Claremont and is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bentham and small daughter, of Hollywood, were Christmas guests of Mr. Bentham's brother, the Rev. Chas. E. Bentham, and wife.

Miss Katherine Torrance, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Torrance, of Park Manor, is home from the Marlborough school, Los Angeles, to spend the holidays.

Dr. Norton F. W. Hazeldine, the professor in charge of the University and Home of Applied Science at East Hollywood, was a visitor at the Bransby home, on Palm avenue, this week. Dr. Hazeldine has translated the Bhagavad Gita and other Sanscrit works and has travelled extensively in India, China, Morocco and Brazil.

While E. C. Sisson was driving along Central avenue about 6 o'clock Saturday night, a Jap riding a wheel in the opposite direction collided with his team, throwing one of the horses. The Jap was thrown to the street, but suffered no injury. Mr. Sisson was obliged to cut the harness in several places to extricate the horse, but aside from this no serious damage was done.

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Despite the late disturbances in the financial world, to which Sierra Madre, with all the rest of the country has been subject to a limited extent, the year just coming to a close has been a prosperous and important one to this city and its people. The year has seen many improvements carried through to a successful completion, among which may be mentioned the fine new school house and the Kersting building of five store rooms, and perhaps 150 or more residences, many of them of fine architectural design and costly construction.

The year has also witnessed the incorporation of Sierra Madre as a city of the sixth class, and the inauguration of steps to place the city high up in the list of desirables for those looking for a home location. In this connection the year 1907 has seen the young city started as a temperance community, with a drastic anti-liquor ordinance, and with an expression of public sentiment on the question which bids fair to keep her in the list of dry towns for all time to come. There have also been organized the Board of Trade and the Woman's Club, both of which organizations are doing good work in the upbuilding of the city.

The population of the city has almost, if not fully, doubled within the past twelve months, and the number of business houses has kept pace with the increase in population, several commercial enterprises, another grocery, meat market, furniture store, etc., including the First National Bank, having entered the field.

And now, with renewed confidence in financial circles, and with the great influx of tourists and homeseekers to this section from the East, which the railroad officials say will be larger than ever before; with the publicity which will be given the city by the Board of

Trade and in other ways, there is every assurance of a Happy New Year for the people of Sierra Madre, due to continued and increased prosperity, and to the upbuilding and material advancement of the city.

The close of the special holiday season proclaimed by Gov. Gillette to protect the banking and financial interests of the state, which came to a close last Saturday at midnight, finds the conditions existing to be practically normal throughout the state. The scrip which was issued to tide over the money stringency is being retired as rapidly as possible, and the banks are now able to furnish at least a portion of demands in coin. Deposits are exceeding withdrawals in all the banks, and the financial flurry is a thing of the past.

And, while it will take some weeks, perhaps, to fully recover from the effects of the business depression, there is every reason to believe that legitimate business interests will be benefited rather than injured by the experiences of the past three months. It will have a wholesome effect in ridding the country of wildcat schemes of the get-rich-quick fakirs, and will certainly result in wise legislation for the better control of the banking business of the country, and provisions for a more elastic circulating medium, making a recurrence of such a panic, in times of great prosperity, especially, an impossibility. If these objects can be obtained the experience will be worth all it has cost.

The News wishes its friends, one and all, a Happy New Year. Started but little over a year ago, its success has been made possible by the support and encouragement accorded it by the business men and citizens of Sierra Madre, for which due thanks are returned. May we all work together for the upbuilding and advancement of the city.

Roosevelt's Decision.

However the president's friends may regret that he made the decision he did in November, 1904, it cannot possibly be regretted that the president has kept his word and reannounced his decision in time to enable the Republican party to prepare for the fact and the issue. Now we shall have an open contest among the candidates who aspire to succeed Theodore Roosevelt, based squarely upon their individual fitness to succeed him and to meet William Jennings Bryan at the polls.—Nashville American.

How Some Men Argue.

"Business good?"
"Fine."
"Making money?"
"Yes."
"Then why are you panic-stricken? Has anything happened to you?"
"No; but it might."

No Such Luck.

Mrs. Howard—Are you having trouble with servants?
Mrs. Terry—Dear me, no. I'm having trouble without them.—The Circle.

Random Remarks

Angel cake was never known to better any man's disposition.

One dry Sunday was enough for New York. Made it feel unnaturally respectable.

Mr. Bryan will gain many votes if he will promise, if elected, to make his messages short.

Senator Knox is not only nursing a presidential boom, but a fine, able-bodied, 12-pound grandson.

When Washington votes on prohibition, will each senator be allowed to put in a quart or so of ballots?

Woodrow Wilson says only ten per cent of the American people think. But a lot of them think they think.

If currency were as plentiful as currency bills in congress there would be no complaint about the shortage of money.

Mr. Harriman sees the dawn of a new prosperity. He must have been successful in gathering Illinois Central proxies.

Our newest state boasts of an Indian citizen named John Hot Air. It deserves great credit for not electing him to congress.

Presidential booms are pretty thick around the country just now. A year hence everything will be over but the inauguration.

It must give the average American a more or less flattered feeling for the press continually to remind him not to hoard his money.

Some of these times the freshman's class in the U. S. senate is going to outnumber the seniors and then it will pass some rules of its own.

Now that "toxic insanity" did the work for Mrs. Bradley, Harry Thaw's Mr. Delmas must be regretting that he did not discover that, instead of "dementia Americana."

A traveling salesman says that orders for shoes from Kansas City are for longer sizes than from any city. Kansas City always did want her money's worth, whether buying shoes or conventions.

According to the Denver Post, the young men of Breckenridge, Colo., often toss up nickels to see whether they will go to church. And when they go we hope they drop the nickels in the contribution plate.

TIME TABLES

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Leave Los Angeles		Leave Sierra Madre	
6:05 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	6:10 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
6:25* "	1:05 "	7:00 "	1:10 "
7:00 "	1:25* "	7:42* "	2:10 "
7:25 "	2:05 "	8:10 "	2:42* "
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9:05 "	4:05 "	9:10 "	4:10 "
10:05 "	5:05 "	10:10 "	5:10 "
11:05 "	6:05 "	11:10 "	6:10 "
	8:05 "		7:00 "
	11:30 "		10:00 "

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9:11 a.m. Local	8:44 p.m. Overland
10:38 a.m. Limited	

Arrive from East and Leave for Los Angeles:	
6:19 a.m. Overland	4:56 p.m. Local
7:34 a.m. Overland	5:12 p.m. Limited
9:11 a.m. Local	

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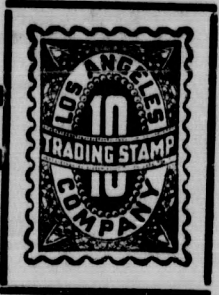
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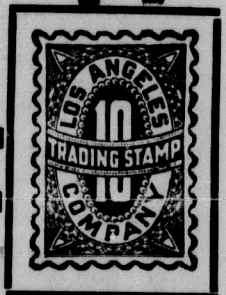
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W. W. Jacobs has said that it is only their surprises that make his stories take. To illustrate what he means, he told a story of a lawyer defending a man accused of house-breaking, who spoke like this: "Your honor, I submit that my client did not break into the house at all. He found the parlor window open and merely inserted his right arm and removed a few trifling articles. Now, gentlemen my client's arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offense committed only by one of his limbs." "That argument," said the judge, "is very well put. Following it logically, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he chooses." The defendant smiled, and with his lawyer's assistance, unscrewed his cork arm, and leaving it in the dock, walked out.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Revel in Your Ideal.

This short article was written for the especial benefit of our eastern readers. You have your ideal. To you it exists in imagination only. That is what an ideal is; something existing in imagination only. Your ideal is a country of eternal sunshine, flowers, luscious fruits and, well, paradise. You would like to live where there are no gales, sleet, ice or snow; no cyclones or tornadoes. You would like to be where you could enjoy every day in the year out of doors in the warm sunshine, pick roses from your garden on Christmas day or even take a dip in the old Pacific. Your ideal is Southern California. Page after page could be written on its charms and attractions, but we simply have this to say: picture in your mind a perfect paradise and then come to this country and revel in your ideal.—Hermosa Beach Review.

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A Model Dairy.

The Sierra Madre Dairy company, which is about to move its plant to the eastern end of the city, will, in its new location, have thoroughly modern and up-to-date stables, and unexcelled sanitary conditions will obtain in the care and handling of all products. The company, in its decision to remove its plant from the residence section, has done away with any cause for complaint from citizens who object to the close proximity of dairies to their homes.

The North Fork, (Wash.) Bulletin States that the Tucker Bros. of that place, sons of Mr. J. D. Tucker, of Sierra Madre, have sold their store building on Third avenue and have purchased two lots just across from the Cliffs Mercantile Co and will soon begin the erection of a store building, and will later put in a stock of furniture.


Lake Changes Color.

A small lake at Seaside, Monterey county, Cal., changes its color four times every year. To all appearances this lake is just like any other small lake, and there seems to be no reason why it should be such a remarkable sheet of water. It is prettily situated, full of fish and water fowl, and when in its normal condition the water is clear and sweet. It has one peculiarity besides its variable color, however. The water is never stagnant, despite the fact that there is no apparent outlet to the lake.

The color changes are very pronounced and are in four distinct shades—yellow, green, red and dark gray that has the appearance of black at times. Between each change the water regains its normal clear appearance. The color is in the water and is not the result of reflection from the sky. This has been proved beyond doubt by the fact that the color remains the same for days at a time, regardless of the condition of the clouds. The four colors mentioned are the ones always seen, and they always occur in the order named, the disturbance, if such it may be called, covering a period of from six weeks to two months in July and August of each year. Old residents of Seaside assert that the phenomenon is a regular annual event, and that it is always followed by the death of a large number of fish in the lake.

No explanation of the peculiar conditions has ever been attempted by scientists, although several scientific men of note have studied the lake very carefully. The prevailing opinion among the inhabitants of the section surrounding the lake is that the lake is of volcanic origin and that the changes are due to subterranean disturbances which produce chemical changes in the water of the lake. This idea is supposed to have grown out of the belief that the lake is bottomless. Twenty years ago, when the Southern Pacific railroad was being built across one end of the lake the road bed sank almost as fast as it was laid and thousands of tons of gravel and stone were dumped into the lake before a stable foundation could be obtained. This led to the belief that the lake was bottomless. The lake is not more than three-quarters of a mile long by less than half a mile wide.

Seaside is a small town on the Southern Pacific railroad, five miles from Monterey, and the lake is back of the town and near Hotel del Monte.



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A Generous Foe.

There is a well authenticated anecdote of two dogs at Donaghadee of a fact which took place before many witnesses. One of them was a Newfoundland and the other a mastiff. They were powerful animals, and well matched, and though generally good tempered, they would often fight when they met. One day they had a fierce and prolonged battle on the pier; so fierce that they both fell into the sea, and as the pier was long, they could only get to the shore by swimming a considerable distance. This new peril put an end to their quarrel. The Newfoundland, being in his element and an excellent swimmer, soon gained the landing place, and scrambled up upon the pier, looking around for his late antagonist; but the mastiff being a bad swimmer, was struggling in the waves and evidently in danger of drowning. In dashed the Newfoundland, taking the other gently by the collar, kept his head above the water, and finally brought him safely to the shore. After this the two never fought again, but when the Newfoundland was killed a year or two after by a railway carriage passing over him, his former antagonist languished and pined and was for a time nearly inconsolable. —Sagacity in Animals.

Missed His Vocation.

Reginald De Koven, the composer, tells of a grocer and druggist who attended a Wagner concert. As the program did not please them they began talking of music in general and on Wagner in particular.

"Another example of the fact that every man wants to do something out of his line," said the druggist.

"That's all right," assented the grocer. "Now, I'm a grocer, but I've always wanted to be a banker."

"You'd probably fail," added the druggist. "Look at me, I'm a success as a druggist, yet I've always wanted to write a book. This man Wagner tries his hand at music. Just listen to it. And we all know he builds parlor cars." —Philadelphia Ledger.

What is a Sleeper?

According to the San Diego Union, a sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper which carries the sleeper while he sleeps runs. Therefore, while sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps off the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.

This is no time to bandy crimination or recrimination. Stand steadfast by your home banks, your home merchants, your neighbors, and put your trust in God. This done in good faith, prosperity is yours as sure as the rising and going down of the sun.—Orange County Plaindealer.

Mr. Taft had a nice long visit with Czar Nicholas and for once Russia's ruler had a chance to tell his troubles to some one who has a habit of exuding sympathy and good cheer.

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The idea was conceived and carried into execution by a quartet consisting of the Misses Gertrude Cook and Etta Dickson and Messrs. Jack Stevenson and Henry Caskey.

These young people started out very early in the morning, and for several hours visited different sections of the city, serenading the sleeping people, and many were the expressions of appreciation heard Christmas day.

JUVENILE LIBRARY HOURS.

Early Twilight Necessitates the Opening at 2 Instead of 3 O'clock.

On account of the early twilight, the juvenile library of the Woman's club will be open in the Andrews building, Central avenue and Lima street, on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock, instead of from 3 to 5, as heretofore.

The city trustees will meet tonight pursuant to adjournment last evening; being unable to transact important business owing to the absence of the city attorney.

Mr. Howard Hill and family; his aunt, Miss Ruth Miller, and nephew, Fred Peterson spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, relatives in Los Angeles.

MONROVIA CLUB AS GUEST.

Woman's Club Will Be "At Home" Next Monday Afternoon.

Next Monday afternoon, December 30th, the Woman's Club will be "at home" in the Town hall to the Saturday Afternoon Club of Monrovia. Mr. Guinn, well known as a historian and archeologist of Old California and Mexico, will address the clubs on "Old California." He will speak of the discovery of this state, of its life, quaint customs and easy-going hospitality before the coming of the "gringo." A little Spanish girl will entertain with six or eight songs and will be accompanied on the guitar by her mother, who will be dressed in old Spanish costume. Refreshments will be served at the end of the program, and it is hoped that many members will be present to greet the Monrovia club, and to enjoy the excellent program. Members may use their guest tickets as usual.

Christmas Services.

On Christmas morning services were held in the Church of the Ascension. At the celebration of the holy communion in the early morning a large number of communicants were present, including Dr. and Mrs. Barlow. At the later service which was the morning prayer and communion, the rector preached on the subject of "The Universal Influence on Christmas Day on the Best Elements of Life." He said in part that Christ was not found only in theology, but also in art and music and poetry, elevating these as nothing else could do. The services were well attended and the music was exceptionally well rendered and inspiring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Armstrong enjoyed the company of the Long Beach members of their family Wednesday, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lent, Mrs. F. M. Hoblitt, Miss Dorothy and Master Kenneth Hoblitt, also Miss Guldaker of Hollywood. All were delighted with the mountain city.

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