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## TRIBUTE TO CITY BUILDER.

Ovation Tendered Whitley by  
Business Associates.

Magnificent Loving Cup Is  
Token of Appreciation.

Sixteen-Mile Boulevard and  
Plans for Lighting.

In recognition of the notable work in town and city building accomplished during the past decade by H. J. Whitley, general manager of the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company, a complimentary luncheon was tendered him by the Janss Investment Company and others in the "blue room" of the Los Angeles Athletic Club yesterday noon.

If the guest of honor ever had a doubt as to his own foresight, business judgment and ability to make two or a dozen blades of grass grow where one grow before, such doubt dissipated in the salvos of cheers which greeted him. The esteem of his associates found concrete expression in the beautiful silver loving cup presented by the Janss company through Dr. Janss, its president and the toastmaster of the occasion.

Inscribed upon the cup are the words: "H. J. Whitley, General Manager the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company, a prophet and a builder who studs the fields with his gem cities. Presented by the Janss Investment Company and associated sub-agents in cordial recognition of his vast and splendid achievements. Van Nuys-Lankershim lands a monument to his capability. Owensmouth the masterpiece of his dreams."

In responding to the presentation and the warm greeting which followed, Mr. Whitley, who is also known as the "father of Hollywood," took occasion to review in some detail the accomplishments since the Van Nuys-Lankershim tract was opened to the public. He complimented the board of control, his capable assistants, and the able manner in which the lands have been developed.

He described the vast improvements which have been made, including Sherman boulevard, described by the toastmaster as "the grandest in the world." He looked forward to the day when the six-mile speedway through the town of Owensmouth is completed and macadamized, making a magnificent auto drive, and sending a great volume of traffic in that direction.

### STORY OF PROGRESS.

An entire system of good roads, both boulevards and cross roads, are being constructed, and the electric line to Owensmouth will be completed in about ninety days. There are a great number of high-class homes now under construction along Sherman way and in and around Owensmouth and Van Nuys. The American Beet Sugar Company has commenced work on its beet dumps; the Pacific Electric Company has commenced work on electric depots at Owensmouth, Van Nuys and Marian, costing about \$5000 each. At Van Nuys work has been commenced on a \$50,000 schoolhouse, the Edison Electric Company is putting up a \$5000 building for an electrical sub-station; the telephone building is about completed. The hotel is doubling its size, and there is a large apartment-house now under construction.

There is an ample development of water for all purposes and thousands of acres of young orchards, potato fields, melon and garden products and sugar beets, all vigorous and thriving without irrigation, give their own evidence of the productivity of the soil.

### ELECTRIC-LIGHTED BOULEVARD

Great applause greeted Mr. Whitley's announcement that the wonderful sixteen-mile boulevard running through Van Nuys to Owensmouth is to be brilliantly illuminated for its entire length with a superb system of electrolights. This improvement will cost about \$50,000.

After luncheon a colored quartette of entertainers played and sang to the guests, composed for the most part of Whitley's business associates and sub-agents active in the promotion of the Van Nuys-Lankershim development.

Dr. Janss reviewed briefly what the guest of honor had done. He recalled the fact that he is the man who first saw the great possibilities in the Hollywood section, and seeing had the nerve to act. Then he went to Corcoran and made that a thriving community, and now, to round out his series of Pacific Coast conquests, comes the realization of Owensmouth.

The toastmaster further paid tribute to The Times as "the greatest paper in the world, and the one which has done more for Los Angeles than any ten organizations in the city."

### ALL READY TO GAMBOLE.

Fair Providencia's Acres Open to Receive Members of the Gamut Club Today and Tomorrow.

Everything is in readiness at Providencia Rancho for the great al fresco gathering and gambol of the Gamut Club. Early this morning automobiles will begin the pilgrimage to the parking grounds at Oak Crest Station, on the Van Nuys-Lankershim trolley line, and by evening there will be but few of the available feet of space occupied of the 1200 acres set aside for the 1912 gambols.

This evening there will be a beef-steak supper around the campfires and in the old Spanish garden of the hacienda. Following this the big open-air stage under the live oaks will be illuminated by auto headlights and Carl Bronson's play, "California," enacted thereon. Later there will be sports and ceremonies of various kinds.

With breakfast Sunday morning will begin a programme of athletic sports which promises some thrillers. Arrangements have been made to accommodate all the guests over Saturday night, and but few will have to make the double trip in order to enjoy the festivities of Sunday.

### TO ILLUSTRATE WORK.

Exhibits of Civic Welfare Organizations to Be a Feature of National Municipal League Convention.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the Lissner building to lay the foundation for an adequate illustrated description of the social and civic welfare work of this city at the coming convention of the National Municipal League, which begins here July 8.

Several representatives of local organizations engaged in this work were

present and it was decided to invite each of the clubs and societies interested to prepare charts, screens, and other exhibits of their work. "The idea of the exhibit," said Stephen J. Miller, instructor in economics at the Polytechnic High School, "is to give the visitors who come here from all parts of the United States an adequate idea of the manner in which we handle civic problems."

It was decided that the exhibit will be placed in the foyer of the theater and upon the walls, where the excellent results which have been achieved here may be visualized for the benefit of the visitors.

Each one present at the meeting made himself responsible for a showing from several of the unrepresented organizations. The exhibit will be placed next week and is expected to form one of the most interesting side-lights of the big convention.

### SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Highest State Tribunal Uniformly Sustains Lower Jurisdictions in Batch of Small Cases.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Superior Court of Orange county in favor of the plaintiff in the action brought by the city of Santa Ana and others against the Santa Ana Valley Irrigation Company. The municipality sued to restrain the defendant corporation from maintaining an open ditch.

In the case of Willard H. Clark against N. C. Kelley and W. P. Fuller & Co. the latter cross-defendants, the Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the lower court in favor of Kelley. In December, 1907, Kelley gave to W. P. Fuller & Co., a promissory note for \$2471.54, and as security assigned and delivered three contracts executed by one Owings in favor of Kelley, by which the maker of the contracts agreed to purchase certain real estate from Kelley. The notes were afterward assigned to Clark, who brought an action for their collection and secured a judgment. The Sheriff attached certain property of Kelley to satisfy the judgment. The lower court held that the attachment was improper and dismissed it, finding that the note was secured by an equitable mortgage.

The opinion of the local Superior Court against the defendants in the action brought by Ahlers & Best against Smiley & Smith, on account of an ice contract, was affirmed by the Supreme Court. The defendants appealed from a judgment against them for damages for violation of the contract. Ahlers & Best agreed to furnish the defendant firm all the ice necessary for their customers at \$4 a ton. This contract was carried out until July 28, 1905, when the defendants refused to take any more ice

under the terms of the contract, and made a new contract with the Union Ice Company. An action was brought to restrain the defendants from purchasing any ice from any other firm by the plaintiffs and judgment was entered for the plaintiffs, who then brought suit to recover damages. The result of the hearing was a verdict for \$480 against the defendants. An appeal was taken and the second hearing ended in a verdict against the defendants for \$2250. This has been affirmed.

### DARROW CASE POSTPONED.

Juror Leavitt Sick and Bribery Trial Goes Over Till Monday—May Use the Alternate.

Because of the sickness of L. A. Leavitt, one of the jurors, the Darrow trial was yesterday adjourned until 1.30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Judge Hutton stated that advices received from the juror's doctor made it probable that he would be able to resume his seat by that time. Leavitt lives at El Monte. He was taken suddenly ill night before last at his room at the Hotel Trenton, where the panel is kept under guard. A physician advised his removal and Leavitt was taken to his home.

It was feared at first that it was an attack of appendicitis but the fact that the juror seemed to be so much improved yesterday indicated some less serious sickness. In case he should not be able to sit with the others on Monday, it is probable that the thirteenth juror will take his seat.

The code of this State provides for the selection of one or two alternates in a case that promises to be long drawn out. They sit with the regular twelve and hear all the testimony. In the event of the death or prolonged sickness of one of the members of the regular panel an alternate can be substituted. Otherwise the case would have to be dismissed and begun all over again as though there had been no trial.

### CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Firemen Hurt by Writhing Hose, Auto Men Burned by Leaky Torch, Another Drinks Gasoline for Pop.

The writhing end of a fire hose into which a heavy pressure of water had been forced during a drill of firemen at Fourth and Alameda streets painfully injured S. H. Dyer and Charles Kellner, of engine company No. 23, yesterday morning. The men did not have a firm grip on the nozzle when the water was turned

on and were thrown violently to the ground. Dyer sustained a sprained right ankle and right hand. Besides bruises, Kellner received a punctured left arm just above the elbow. They were treated at the Receiving Hospital by Dr. Carter.

M. N. Brooks, No. 2209 West Twenty-fifth street, 23 years old, and A. R. McLeod, No. 248½ East Fifth street, 28 years old, were badly burned by the explosion of a gasoline torch with which they were working on a machine at the Bender Auto Company, No. 2110 West Seventh street. Brooks was severely burned on the face and right arm, and McLeod on the face and both hands.

Early yesterday morning M. Nerhonck, No. 224 Vignes street, mistook a glass filled with gasoline for soda pop, and drank a portion of it. At the Receiving Hospital Dr. Carter washed him out, and sent him home with the admonition to spend the remainder of the day in bed. His condition is not serious.