

FAMOUS GARDENS BENEFIT VETERANS

GOOD WORK REPORTED

On Busch Estate In California; Entrance Fees Donated by Mrs. Busch to Aid Ex-Service Men

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At the gates of the most beautiful private gardens in America, there stand two old soldiers of the Civil war. Each day in the year, crowds of people, young and old, rich and poor, give a quarter of a dollar to these veterans, and pass through the gates to stroll among the beautiful trees and shrubs and flowers and statues of these exquisite gardens.

Up on the side of the mountains overlooking the San Gabriel valley, a tubercular World war veteran is making the fight for life. The cost of living adds to his other handicaps, and he finds the beager larder growing empty, and wife and babies lacking food and clothing.

A representative of the American Legion of the Department of California knocks on his cabin door.

"Buddy, I understand you need some temporary reinforcements in your particular sector of the firing line; eh, what? All right; we have said reinforcements. You are authorized to receive a loan from the Busch Garden Fund."

"Am I supposed to pay it back?" "Yep."

"When you can conveniently. So long, Buddy; we'll be up to see how the battle goes in a week or so. Meanwhile, don't overdo; you want to get back your pep; this little youngster of yours here will be needing a good strong dad one of these days. Cheerio."

Watches Visitors On a broad, vine-clad porch looking down over the beautiful garden sits a woman. She watches the visitors entering the garden gates. We don't go in for titles of nobility very much in America. If we did, this woman would bear one of our highest titles. She is one of God's noblewomen, and every California legionnaire will bear witness to that.

She watches the visitors pouring through the garden gates, under the Stars and Stripes which float on the breeze above them.

"My boys have had a good day today," she says tenderly. "I want every day to be a holiday so that there will be big crowds, so that my boys will be taken care of."

For years, one of the show places of America has been the famous Sunken Gardens of Pasadena, owned by the wealthy Adolphus Busch. This garden was the particular pride of Mr. and Mrs. Busch. Here, every refinement which lavish art could add to an extraordinary natural beauty resulted in a panorama which has delighted the eyes of millions.

One day, when Mr. and Mrs. Busch were walking under the trees, Mrs. Busch said to her husband, "So many people walk through our garden; I wonder if they might not spoil it?"

But Mr. Busch said, "Oh, no; I want everybody in the whole world to enjoy our garden." And Mrs. Busch said, "Why, of course; our garden would not be pretty, would it, if there were no people in it?"

And so the people came from all over the world, and walked through the gardens. And often they would meet a kindly woman, who would sometimes stop and chat, and sometimes snip off a beautiful flower for them to wear, when her head gardener was not looking.

And then, by and by, two things happened. Adolphus Busch was called away from this world, and from the woman and the garden, his two loves.

America was drawn into the cataclysm of the World war. After that, there came back to America and back to California, hundreds and hundreds of lads who had done their bit and had had a bit done to them. Relief was slow, and sometimes inadequate.

The lure of California sunshine drew to that state one-seventh of the disabled of the whole country. The problem of the care of these lads and their families became a most serious problem; and the Legion of California had upon its heart and shoulders a burden it knew not how to bear.

Legion in Charge Mrs. Lilly Busch of Pasadena, said to the California department of the American Legion: "My garden gates have always been wide open to my neighbors from all over the world. But I wonder, now, whether folks would not like to pay a small fee to enjoy my garden, if they knew that the money would all go to help some of these poor boys and their needy children."

And the Legion said, "Oh, yes, Mrs. Busch, we are sure they would like to do that. But is the Legion able to maintain the garden?" "Why, bless your hearts," Mrs. Busch replied, "this is my garden, and I propose to maintain it. All I ask is that the gate receipts go to help the most needy boys, especially those with wives and children."

So now for three years or more, the people of America, and the Legion of California, have been led by Mrs. Lilly Busch to co-operate in a service for the World war veteran which is the outstanding philanthropy of its time.

The writer does not have at hand the entire figures of this great service. Mrs. Busch is not prone to broadcast her generous deeds. But it is recalled that in one county service department alone in the past thirty months, nearly fourteen thousand dollars has been withdrawn from the Busch Garden fund. And the total service from this philanthropy must be well up in six figures, and generous figures at that.

LATE PROCEEDINGS IN PROBATE COURT

Action in Settlement of Estates; Wills Filed; Orders and Entries

Recent proceedings in probate court are reported as follows:

Martha A. Irwin, Highland Park. Will admitted to probate. Estate valued at \$4,000 personal and \$30,000 real estate given to brother, sister and niece. Letters testamentary issued to Elizabeth E. Irwin, sister. Bond of \$10,000. Proof of heirship taken. Appraisers appointed. Executrix authorized to sell bond.

Edith McGregor Adams, Highland Park. Executors authorized to sell certain stocks.

Elizabeth R. Doud, Lake Forest. Appraisers appointed.

Joe Samovich, Lake Forest. Letters of Administration with will annexed issued to Wilbur B. Brazell.

Franklyn R. Muller, Lake Bluff. Petition granted as to sale of certain real estate.

Paul Gieser, Highland Park. Will admitted to probate. Estate valued at \$7,000 personal and \$40,000 real estate given to wife, Bertha Johanna Gieser. Letters testamentary issued to Bertha Johanna Gieser. Bond of \$100,000. Appraisers appointed.

Stanley Kuntar, et al, minors. Hearing on citation continued to January 10.

George Pfister, Highland Park. Will admitted to probate. Estate valued at \$2,000 personal and \$12,000 real estate given to wife, Mary Pfister, for life; at her death to be divided among his four children. Letters testamentary issued to Eugene H. Pfister and Wm. P. Carolan. Bond of \$30,000. Proof of heirship taken. Appraisers appointed.

Mary A. Armstrong, Waukegan. Inventory approved.

Gertrude Hapke, Mundelein. Inventory approved.

Wenzel J. Diets, Mundelein. Inventory approved.

Bernard Simen, Libertyville. Inventory approved.

Harriet E. Price, Mundelein. William J. Lyons named appraiser in place of Wm. Knigge, deceased.

UNIVERSITIES GIVE UTILITY COURSES

Recognizing the demand for trained men in the public utility business caused by the phenomenal growth of these enterprises, seven universities are now offering comprehensive courses in public utility management and economics, a recent survey shows.

They are: University of Illinois, Northwestern university, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard university, University of Iowa, Indiana university and University of Pittsburgh.

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CONGRESS OPENING; EXPECT BUSY TERM

REGRET AT RETIREMENT

Old Associates Mourn Loss of Some Members Defeated in Election; Dawes Is More Popular Now

Congress has got under way. It is a little early yet to attempt to forecast its intentions or ambitions. A fair guess can be made, however, that it will contribute its share to the general excitement in the columns of the daily newspapers before the curtain is finally run down.

This is a time of mourning and regret in the senate, because of the retirement in the near future of those who failed at the polls. Senator Butler and Williams do not have to go through this, inasmuch as their appointments were only until their successors were elected, and their service ceased on November 2, election day. There will be quite a number, however, on the mourners bench who will be obliged to sit through till March 4 to complete their legal terms.

Dawes More Popular

Vice President Dawes seems to have entered on his labors with a greater urbanity of feeling. The senate now and then likes to take a dig at the General, but it is not to be denied that he has increased his friendships with those over whom he presides. They are not disposed to let him have the run of the field as yet, but they have considerably lengthened the tether rope with which they are holding him.

Speaker Longworth on the house side was made the object of a veritable ovation. He apparently is one of those fortunate men who possess the ability of mixing geniality, good fellowship and administrative efficiency, in such ratio as make for a happy and effective family.

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Senate Calendar The senate has a calendar so crowded with measures which actually require prompt action that Senator Curtis will have his skill and wit tested to the limit taking care of the work at hand. The house calendar is always full. All over the country, during the campaign just closed, the members of the house and senate have been advising the people that they have a full understanding, that what is needed, is less laws and better laws. It remains to be seen if they will make good.

WHY DO WOMEN GET OFF CARS BACKWARD?

Why do women get off the street cars backwards? 'Tis a moot question and there are many who make pretense of knowing the answer to the riddle. A modest scientist says he knows. Way back in the beginning of things when our ancestors sat in the trees, the mother carried her offspring on her left hip with her left arm around it. This gave her a free right arm to protect her babe from harm. Through untold ages this instinctive action became a fixed habit. And now a woman, whether it is a

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bundle or a baby or even a small purse, grasps it with her left hand, leaving the right arm free. And so, by deduction as it were, this wise scientist says, that a woman in getting off a street car, clutters up her left arm and backs off facing rearwards. 'Tis a bad habit and like many of those passed down to us by ancestors who roamed the forests primeval, it must be corrected to conform to the requirements of civilization.

The scientist doesn't tell why many men get off backwards, too.

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