

PROGRESS TOLD AT BANQUET.

FEAST OF BOARD OF TRADE IN HOLLYWOOD CITY.

Representatives of the Foothill Town's Business Life Gather at a Flower-Bedecked Spread and Exchange Views on Maintaining the Present Prosperity.

HOLLYWOOD, May 1.—The second annual banquet of the Hollywood Board of Trade was held tonight in Hotel Hollywood. The officers of the board and the hotel managers were diligent in their efforts to make it one of the most successful functions of the kind held here. It was not a dress occasion, but a meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the development of the city.

The guests, the members of the board, their families and friends, led by the president, Col. J. J. Steadman, marched into the spacious dining-room to music furnished by an orchestra. Covers were laid for 250.

Under the direction of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Stewart the dining-room was richly trimmed with mustard, asparagus and maidenhair ferns. The tables were ornamented with lilies from the ponds of Mr. Sturdevant, sweet peas, carnations, tree tulips and Mexican dahlias. The national colors were draped about the balcony. The officers of the board and speakers were seated in the alcove at the left of the center of the dining-room. The following menu was served:

Bouillon
Filet of Sole Potatoes Del Monico
Ripe Olives Radishes
Roast Turkey
Cranberry Sauce
Fresh Green Peas Mashed Potatoes
Bread Hot Rolls
Salad a la Hollywood
Cheese Crackers
Strawberries Ice Cream
Cake
Café Noir

Col. J. J. Steadman, the toastmaster, stated the objects of the Board of Trade as civic improvement and social intercourse. He introduced A. G. Bartlett the first president of the board who responded to the toast "The Hollywood Board of Trade." Mr. Bartlett spoke of the history of that body and indicated some of the future problems it has to solve. He urged economy in city administration and emphasized the importance of tree planting if Hollywood is to maintain its reputation for beauty.

Miss Mary Caldwell of Council Bluffs, Iowa, sang, "A May Morning," and was enthusiastically encored.

W. C. Mendenhall of the United States Reclamation Service had been invited to speak upon "The Control of the Storm Waters," a subject of particular interest in Hollywood. He had prepared an address but was not able to be present. George Dunlap, who has given much attention to the question, read Mr. Mendenhall's paper.

Hon. L. C. Gates responded to the toast "The legal responsibility of municipalities for the care of storm waters." He cited various authorities bearing upon the question and referred to the two theories of the care of storm and surface waters known as those of the civil law and the common law. The former proceeds upon the supposition that every lower lot is a servient tenement and is subject to an easement in favor of the lot above for the passage of storm water over it. The latter holds that every man owns his property from the middle of the earth to the sky. This gives him the right to protect his property in any manner he deems best. The rule of the civil law applies in California and not that of the common law.

Ex-Gov. John L. Beveridge responded to the toast "Our Public Schools." He declared that "a city is known by its people and its public buildings." He complimented the citizens upon their high character, and expressed the belief that a Jerome or a Folk will never be needed in Hollywood. He called attention to the various beautiful churches, which are well attended. He reviewed the efforts of former citizens to secure more and better schools throughout the valley. Where a few years ago there were three small buildings, there are now seven commodious ones with a seating capacity sufficient to accommodate the population. He spoke of the efforts for higher educational advantages, which have been rewarded by the erection of the handsome High School building. He urged that more money be expended, raised by special tax, if necessary, to plant trees and flowers, and surround the building with cement walks. He complimented the teachers and trustees and urged that because bonds have been voted not to curtail the schools in running expenses, saying that money spent to make schools efficient is the greatest economy a city can practice.

Gen. H. G. Otis briefly responded to the toast "How to Beautify Hollywood."

H. J. Whitley having been called away on urgent business, C. P. Chase, as a substitute, made a speech on "Hollywood of the Future."

C. P. Rishel spoke on "The Press of Los Angeles County."

Jonathan Dodge in concluding the programme paid a high compliment to the ladies of Hollywood, who, it was stated, are interested in everything which pertains to the betterment of the schools, churches and homes of the city.

The officers and members of committees in charge of the banquet were:

Officers—J. J. Steadman, president; C. J. Wade, vice-president; E. R. Walker, secretary.

Committee of Arrangements—F. M. Douglas, P. B. Chase, P. S. Rishel, Jonathan Dodge, Dr. Gardner, J. Eugene Law.

Reception Committee—J. B. Brokaw, C. E. Bireley, E. F. Bogardus, J. O. Churchill, Wellington Clark, J. Todd Cook, G. H. Coffin, A. N. Denman, Dr. A. Davidson, Andrew Groh, Paul De Longpre, E. S. Eastman, W. F. Herndon, Dr. B. W. Harper, J. F. Grass, George Hanna, J. C. Kays, Roy Milner, R. P. McJohnston, William Mead, Sanford Rich, J. M. Roberts, H. J. Whitley, Dr. E. O. Palmer, H. K. Vickroy.