

MANY RECENT INTERESTING EVENTS REPORTED FROM THE CITY OF ANGELS

"Citalea," Curious Old Indian Woman, Last of Famous Mission Tribe, Passes Away—Princess Irene Lavarovich, Well Known as Eleanor Calhoun, to Take Part in Spectacular Allegory of Early Life in California

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—While the tapers burned low around her bier and while her friends and relatives chanted prayers in the low, musical tone of her native language, Clara Citalea, last of the famous Mission Indians of San Juan Capistrano, who died the first of this week, received the tributes of her race in her home. Catholic services were also held.

More remarkable than her life among the Indians is the fact that her age was said to be 197 years. Old age was what caused her death, best relatives say. Within the last few weeks her health waned rapidly and her niece, Neives Yamba, found her dead in bed.

"Citalea," as she was known, lived in California when it was populated by Indians of the Cahulla tribe, a few Spaniards and missionaries. She was the greatest of the old Indians from a few adobe huts, surrounded by poppy fields, to its present site. When a young girl she laid one of the first stones in the old Plaza Church, which still stands on North Main street, where she visited last November, more than a century after its erection.

Her life in the south was rich in adventure, but not more so than was that of her father, who was captured by the Spaniards, who trailed him to the mountains and brought him to Capistrano. Around the old mission, she was the most popular woman of the tribe and when still a young girl was married by Jose Trivas. After his death she became the wife of Juan Citalea. She was the mother of five children, only one of whom is living.

**Davis Opposing Divorce Suit**  
Though Robert Benton Davis, millionaire bakers powder king, and his wife, Mrs. J. J. Davis, are bitterly opposing the suit of his wife, Jennie W. Davis, for separate maintenance, he will not permit his attorney to make one demanding a return of the property or her daughter, Miss Lucretia Davis, who has stood by her mother during the domestic difficulties. Mrs. Davis, on the other hand, has herself held up to ridicule when one of Mrs. Davis' attorneys referred to him as "Juliet," and to the man who aided him in leaving his Riverside home, New York City as "Romeo." Davis alleges that there was a conspiracy to have him declared insane so that any will he might make would be declared invalid.

When the spectacular allegory of the missions and Christian civilization in California is produced in the coming weeks, the leading role of Senora Dominguez will be presented by one of the romantic daughters of California—Princess Irene Lavarovich, known and remembered by early Californians as Eleanor Calhoun, daughter of E. E. Calhoun, formerly judge in Kern County and one of the early governors of the state. When 16 years old she adopted the stage as a profession, making her debut in the old Grand Opera-House of San Francisco, where she and her old love of early day romance and of California, made her accept the invitation to play the leading role and assist with the stage direction.

**Career Leads to Europe.**  
The stage career of Eleanor Calhoun drew her away from California in the first years of her work, and in 1904 she went to Europe, where, save for occasional visits to America, she has since resided. On the European stage she soon struck a warm spot in the hearts of admirers. She played at the Odéon, at the Comedie Francaise, at the Grand Theatre, and at the Theatre de la Renaissance. Six years ago she met Prince Lazarovich, the only Serbian nobleman received in all the courts of Europe. It was a case of romantic love and an auspicious marriage, the wealth of the Prince making a worthy background for the charm, genius and beauty of the Princess.

On her return to California, the Princess will be accompanied by her husband, who after a short visit here will proceed to Peru, where he is interested in the construction of a railroad. Mrs. Martha J. Pringle says she has every reason to dodge when she hears "Mr. Pringle" mentioned. Her husband fell 22 feet through a glass roof, 23 feet from room 22, where she was employed, on the 24th of the month.

**Japanese Colony Celebrates.**  
It was "Yaka-mashi" day for the entire Japanese colony of San Pedro and a strong contingent of little brown islanders from Los Angeles and surrounding towns. More "bansals" reverberated down the harbor, to the amusement of longshoremen and the crew, than ever before in the history of the port and mingled with English expressions like "by golly," and "for the love of Mike" commenced off Mormon Island and finished at Fifth street. Owners of the defeated boat are clamoring for a return match, claiming they can "come back" with flying colors.

Starting on a prospecting tour five months ago with a stranger, Fred Dabbs, aged 49 years, has not been heard from and his sister, Mrs. H. B. Bishop, of No. 1618 East Twenty-eighth street, Los Angeles, has asked the police department to help locate him. Mrs. Bishop does not know the name of the man who accompanied him, but she gave a good description of him to the officers. She thinks some harm has come to her brother, as he promised to communicate with her every two weeks.

Dabbs is a prospector of long experience and has located a number of valuable properties. He obtained a good sized "grubstake" and set out with the stranger from Barstow early last fall. Mrs. Bishop has visited the desert town and the immediate surrounding country, but has failed to find any trace of him. Dabbs had on his person valuable papers pertaining to mining properties in Death Valley and the Panamint range. If the police do not get trace of her brother soon, Mrs. Bishop says she will organize an expedition to search for him in the valley, going with the party herself.

**Baldwin Heirs Lucky.**  
Following on the heels of the decision against Anita Baldwin, H. A. Unruh, for 30 years manager of the estate of E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin, made the surprising announcement that each of the Baldwin heirs, Mrs. Hull McClaughry and Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, will receive more than \$10,000,000. The value of the estate today is placed by Mr. Unruh at upwards of \$20,000,000. There are more than 22,000 acres of land without incumbrance. He says the average value is \$1000 an

acre. His valuation is generally accepted as a conservative one. Five years ago it was a question whether the Baldwin ranches could be saved from their tremendous burden of debt. Shortly after Lucky Baldwin's death three years ago the heirs met and after receiving a report urged Unruh to sell the Cienega ranch, west of the city, for \$2,250,000, an offer of that price having been made. Their purpose was to clear the rest of the property. Mr. Unruh refused to make the sale, saying the property would be worth \$5,000,000 in five years' time. There has been a standing offer of \$7,250,000 for the Cienega property for eight months now. Five hundred acres were sold for \$1,250,000. The value of the Santa Anita ranch and other properties has tripled in three years. Mr. Unruh has sold 3000 acres of the least desirable property for enough to clear the rest of mortgages and there is \$1,000,000 cash in banks to be distributed.

For three or four years prior to his death Baldwin did not know whether he was a rich man or one who would be bankrupt when the mortgages were foreclosed. When the heirs met after his death to hear details of the situation from Mr. Unruh they shook their heads over the tangle. They were shown the figures and learned the astounding fact that Baldwin had paid more than \$4,000,000 in interest on money raised by mortgaging his Los Angeles County real estate and the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco. Debt was eating up his resources, employees were demanding wages overdue,

WOMAN CONDUCTING POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Josephine Preston, Denying That She Understands First Principles of Political Game, Proves Remarkable Vote-Getter.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 6.—(Special).—Much has been written about the twentieth century woman, her ideas and ambitions, and just what she would do if every state in the Union would give her the power of the ballot, but much of this speculation would have long since lost its sensationalism if all women were in politics on the same high level as Mrs. Josephine Preston, of Walla Walla, Wash., a candidate for state superintendent of public schools. Mrs. Preston insists she is not in politics, does not know the first principles in the game, unless trying to get other friends to work for her is politics.

**Press Agent Kept Busy.**  
She is chiefly going to attend to her own affairs and let every one else do likewise. Of course she has a real, live, up-to-the-minute press agent, and none of the hundreds of requests from Washington newspapers for a cut or story has been allowed to go unanswered, and neither is her modesty such as to forbid her accepting invitations to appear before several meetings of educators to be held in Washington before the primaries.

To use her own words regarding the matter of campaigning, "I am very busy with my work as county superintendent of the schools of Walla Walla County and I cannot afford to let any personal ambitions come between my work and myself." Mrs. Josephine Preston was born in Fergus Falls, Minn. She attended the public schools there and spent one year at Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. When compelled to give up her ambition to complete the full college course and to secure a degree, she determined to secure the equivalent. Even while teaching she took up special courses of study and after she had completed the work necessary to obtain the life diploma which was granted her in 1904, she enrolled as a student at Whitman

College, carrying such work as her official duties allowed and studying special subjects under several college professors.

**Teacher in Rural Districts.**  
After coming to Walla Walla she taught in the rural districts, first as a substitute. It was while doing this work that she realized the great need for improvements in the manner of handling rural schools, and today this is her strong point. In February, 1904, the position of assistant county superintendent was created in Walla Walla County and Mrs. Preston was asked to fill the position. This she did until February, 1909, when she was appointed county superintendent to fill out the unexpired term of former Superintendent G. S. Bond.

Seeing what was to be done, or rather, what could be done, with the elevating of rural schools, Mrs. Preston, though not inclined to "mix it" in political fights, determined she wanted to continue her duties as county superintendent, and in 1909 she won the election, a large Republican majority. In 1910 she was re-elected without opposition.

**Long, Hard Trials Enjoyed.**  
Friends of her opponent in 1909 said some rural schools in the county were so situated that it would be impossible for a woman to reach them. When reminded of this yesterday Mrs. Preston laughed and said: "I wish that had been my hardest task since taking this office. True, there are many hardships in making the rounds, but after you finally get to some isolated schoolhouse with its one teacher and perhaps only a dozen children, one feels more than repaid. I love these trips."

At one place Mrs. Preston says it is necessary to open five wire gates within three miles. She always goes on these trips unaccompanied, summer and winter. Since she took office, radical changes have taken place in Walla Walla County schools, due principally to her efforts. Several districts have erected teachers' cottages on the school grounds, where the instructor may live, independent of the farmhouse. No longer are the schoolhouses here locked up as soon as school is out in the afternoon and not reopened until the next morning, or closed Friday afternoon, not to be opened until Monday morning.

**Idea Not a New One.**  
When asked where she received the idea, Mrs. Preston said: "The plan of using the schoolhouses for other purposes than teaching children is not original with me. Many educators are following it, but if you will just stop and think you will agree a closed schoolhouse is certainly a loss. The taxpayers pay for keeping it up, and it is public property in a sense, and should be used as such." Throughout the county Mrs. Preston has established social centers, and in each of these centers meetings are held at regular intervals to which the parents of school children are invited. These gatherings have grown so that now it is a problem to provide programmes for the grown-ups, but so far Mrs. Preston has been equal to the occasion. Whenever it is possible, she is present, but always sees that one or two interesting addresses are on the programme.

In this work she uses the teachers in the district. They assume much of the minor responsibility, for it keeps better harmony among the teachers and parents and where this mutual understanding prevails the work of the school teacher is greatly benefited. Mrs. Preston has 93 names to the care for, with nearly 7000 children.

**Educational Club Organized.**  
Mrs. Preston has organized a body of women in Walla Walla into what is known as a Woman's Educational Club, of which she is president. This club meets every Tuesday evening at the court house, where one or two good addresses are delivered on instructive matters. Last week the juvenile officer of the county delivered a talk on "Delinquent and Backward Children."

When asked what she would do if elected State Superintendent, Mrs. Preston said: "I will do just the same as I have done in Walla Walla County, only on a larger scale. I cannot go better for I have given this county my best, and my work here does not entitle me to the confidence of the people of the state, then I do not want the office for I would be a failure."

**Time for Household Work Limited.**  
Though she has been instrumental in having high schools in the county take up manual training and domestic science, Mrs. Preston personally has very little time for housework. She lives with her mother. Nothing pleases her better than to spend the few spare moments she has, doing work in the kitchen or sewing. She never rides where it is possible to walk and when you see her going to and from the office it is not hard to tell she has some definite purpose. In dress she exercises good taste. Her clothes are the best and very neat, but plain. She says she cannot work when "dressed up."

**Member of State Board.**  
Last Fall she was made a member of the advisory council of the Politics Club of Whitman College, the object of the club being to study civic and National problems. In March, 1911, she received the Governor's appointment to the State Board of Education, in which position she represented the interest of the County Superintendents of the State of Washington. She was vice-president of the Washington Education Association for the year 1911; is secretary of the Educational Council of the Inland Empire Teachers' Association and a member of the state teachers' legislative committee, having been appointed in 1909.

Mrs. Preston became a candidate only after the personal solicitation of her friends. Many educators throughout the state have endorsed her candidacy. Among others are: Frank B. Cooper, Superintendent of Schools, Seattle; Dr. E. O. Sisson, Department of Education, University of Washington; Dr. S. B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman College, Walla Walla; Bruce M. Watson, Superintendent of Schools, Spokane; G. E. Crazier, Superintendent of Schools, Everett; O. S. Jones, Superintendent of Schools, Walla Walla; A. L. Brown, Superintendent of Schools, Wenatchee; N. F. Coleman, department of English, Whitman College, Walla Walla; J. L. Dumas, ex-Superintendent of Schools, Pullman, and member of the State Country Life Commission; Mrs. Mary Carpenter Fletcher, ex-County Superintendent of Schools, Whatcom County, and member of the State Country Life Commission; Mrs. Lizette Jones, Superintendent of Schools, Snohomish County; Mrs. M. E. Liggett, Superintendent Garfield County Schools; Miss Hester Soules, Superintendent Fend d'Orelle County Schools; Mrs. Nellie G. Fair, ex-County Superintendent of Schools, Columbia County; G. S. Bond, ex-County Superintendent of Schools, Walla Walla County; Superintendent C. A. Sprague, of Waukegan.

**Equal Suffrage Stand Brief.**  
Mrs. Preston's stand on the equal suffrage question is what might be termed on a high level. As the ballot is a new power in the hands of Washington women, however, Mrs. Preston did not refuse to state her position and views, which are brief but to the point. She said: "I believe in woman suffrage. I want

to see women conduct themselves in a very womanly way in their use of the ballot. I believe women will give both National and civic problems careful study and that they will be inclined to vote intelligently." So far, there is but one candidate in the field against Mrs. Preston.

**College Opportunity.**  
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